

## 2. Polychlorinated biphenyls

Decision: SC-8/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls

Background:

In decision SC-8/3, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the consolidated assessment of efforts to eliminate polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). It also decided to undertake, at its ninth meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of PCBs accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention. To that end, it encouraged Parties to provide information on progress in eliminating PCBs in their fourth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties also decided to establish a small intersessional working group to prepare a report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. Parties are invited to consider serving as a lead country in the preparation of this report, in consultation with the small intersessional working group. Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group.

Follow-up:

|     | <b>Calls for information</b>   | <b>Respondents</b>  | <b>Methods of submission</b>   | <b>Deadlines for submission</b> |
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| (a) | Parties are encouraged to provide information on progress in eliminating PCBs in their fourth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention. | Parties   | Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. <sup>1</sup> | <b>31 August 2018</b>           |
| (b) | Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country in the preparation of the report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs.                              | Parties   | Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.                           | <b>30 June 2017</b>             |
| (c) | Parties and others to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul> | Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.                           | <b>30 June 2017</b>             |

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<sup>1</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.