

### 3. Polychlorinated biphenyls

Decision: SC-9/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls

Background:

In decision SC-9/3, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, decided to undertake, at its eleventh meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention and further decided to re-establish a small intersessional working group, working by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, through a face-to-face meeting, to assist the Secretariat in the preparation for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting of: a report on progress towards the elimination of PCB, a guidance on a standardized approach to developing PCB inventories and analysis for the identification and quantification of PCB, as recommended by the small intersessional working group and a draft strategy for Parties to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention.

Follow-up:

	<b>Calls for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Methods of submission</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Parties are urged to provide information on progress in eliminating PCBs in their fifth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention, in accordance with paragraph (g) of part II of Annex A to the Convention, as decided in decision SC-9/16 on reporting	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. <sup>2</sup>	<b>31 August 2022</b>
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country in the preparation of the report on progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls and to inform the Secretariat accordingly.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>30 April 2020</b>
(c)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts, taking due consideration of regional and gender balance and of relevant expertise, to participate in the small intersessional working group established in paragraph 6 of decision SC-9/3 and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.	Parties Observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>30 April 2020</b>

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<sup>2</sup> <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.