

Status report on the implementation of decisions adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

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Amendment to rule 22 of the rules of procedure (SC-5/1)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue a consolidated version of the ROP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posted online Being printed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Amendment to the financial rules for the COP, its subsidiary bodies and secretariat (SC-5/2)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend financial rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posted online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Listing of Endosulfan (SC-5/3)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Part I of Annex A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A communication by the depositary of the adoption of the amendment has been received on 27 October 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendment listing Endosulfan in Annex A of the Convention will enter into force on 27 October 2012. However, the amendment will not enter into force on that date for those parties that had submitted a notification pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3(b) of Article 22 of the Stockholm Convention. Also, in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 22, the amendments to Annex A, B or C did not enter into force with respect to any Party that had made a declaration regarding the amendment to those Annexes in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 25. Such parties shall deposit instruments of ratification regarding the amendment, in which case the amendment shall enter into force for the Party on the 90 day after the date of deposit with the depositary. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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Work programme on Endosulfan (SC-5/4)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect information from parties and observers on chemical and non-chemical alternatives to Endosulfan, as specified in the Annex to decision SC-5/4 (by 31 July 2011) • POPRC-7 to review information, assess alternatives and prepare reports to COP-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POPRC-7 reviewed the information received from parties and observers and compiled by the secretariat. • POPRC-7 established an ad-hoc working group to facilitate the assessment of the collected information during POPRC-8. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POPRC-8 will prepare reports on the assessment of chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan for consideration by COP-6. • The secretariat will develop a guidance document on introducing alternatives to endosulfan for the uses available under the Convention, as part of the work programme to facilitate information collection from parties and observers for the work of the POPRC. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Fully funded, however only partial funding has been transferred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of information on endosulfan and its alternatives in the implementation of the endosulfan work programme may be delayed. • Work of the POPRC on assessment of alternatives may not have access to adequate information.
Work programme on brominated diphenyl ethers (BDEs) and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F) (SC-5/5)				
Recommendations in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite parties to share their experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 on the elimination from the waste stream of BDEs and on risk reduction for PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to decision POPRC-7/7, parties were further invited to submit such information, in conjunction with related information for the evaluation of BDEs pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention, and work programme on BDEs and on PFOS and PFOS-F using the format set out in the annex to that decision. (see further below decision SC-5/8 on exemptions) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information submitted by parties will be compiled for consideration by COP-6 and will be transmitted to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention. • Pursuant to decision POPRC-7/7, the information will also be presented for consideration by POPRC-8 to support the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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		Committee in revising the draft process ¹ for the evaluation of BDEs pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention. (see further below decision SC-5/8 on exemptions)		
PFOS in open applications				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request POPRC-7 to develop terms of reference (TOR) for a technical paper on the identification and assessment of alternatives to PFOS in open applications Request the secretariat to commission a technical paper based upon the TOR for consideration by POPRC-8 Request POPRC to develop recommendations on the basis of the technical paper for consideration by COP-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-7 developed TOR and a possible outline of a technical paper for the identification and assessment of alternatives to the use of PFOS in open applications (decision POPRC-7/5). POPRC-7 also established an ad-hoc working group to develop recommendations on the basis of the technical paper. To support the working group, the secretariat has collected from parties and observers information outlined in decision SC-5/5. A draft technical paper has been developed by a consultant and, after review by the ad hoc working group, has been circulated to parties and observers for comments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-8 will finalize the recommendations on alternatives to PFOS in open applications for consideration by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Fully funded, however only partial funding has been transferred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full implementation of the activity may be delayed.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/12.

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DDT, including DDT global alliance (SC-5/6)				
Continued need for DDT for disease vector control				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request DDT expert group to undertake an assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of information collected by the secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDT expert group established in collaboration with WHO, except two experts from parties whose nominations are pending. The secretariat conducted an inception webinar for the DDT expert group to facilitate assessment of technical information related to DDT and established an online forum in the POPs Social network for information sharing. The DDT questionnaire was circulated to assist parties to report on the production and use of DDT and other relevant information. The secretariat collaborates with WHO on the GEF project for the "Establishment of efficient and effective data collection and reporting procedures for evaluating the continued need of DDT for disease vector control" in 14 African countries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DDT expert group will prepare a report on the assessment of the continued need of DDT for disease vector control (e.g. information on the production and use of DDT) for consideration by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes (the funding is no longer available from the general trust fund). Not yet funded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting of the DDT expert group may not be held.
Assessment of alternatives to DDT				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request POPRC-8 and onwards to assess alternatives to DDT on the basis of information collected by the secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat developed a background information on the assessment of alternatives to DDT to facilitate the work of the POPRC on the assessment of alternatives to DDT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The POPRC will prepare a report on its assessment of alternatives to DDT for consideration by COP-6. The secretariat will coordinate a workshop for national vector control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Fully funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POPRC-7 established an ad-hoc working group to facilitate the assessment of alternatives at its 8th meeting. 	<p>programme managers and OCPs in selected countries in Africa to facilitate establishing an effective multisectoral coordinating and information sharing mechanism for production and use of DDT for disease vector control.</p>		
DDT Global Alliance				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the secretariat to facilitate a transition of the DDT Global Alliance (invite UNEP to take over the administration and implementation of the Global Alliance and to collaborate with WHO) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat is coordinating the transfer of leadership of the Global Alliance with UNEP Chemicals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat to report at COP-6 on the transition of leadership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
PCB, including PEN (SC-5/7)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate a transition of leadership of the PEN (invite UNEP, together with relevant member organizations of IOMC and regional centres, to take over the PEN) • Undertake a review of progress towards eliminating PCB at COP-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat sent an official letter to UNEP on 5 December 2011 on the transition of the PEN. • This was followed by management discussions with UNEP Chemicals on taking over the PEN. • The secretariat has another meeting with UNEP Chemicals on facilitating the hand-over of PEN on 25 April 2012. • Communication with the Advisory Committee on the progress is maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP has not yet officially responded to the secretariat's letter of 5 December 2011. However, in practice, facilitating the hand-over process is ongoing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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Exemptions (SC-5/8)				
Draft process for the evaluation of BDEs				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a process for COP-6 (and every 2nd COP) to evaluate parties' progress in achieving the objective of eliminating BDEs listed to the Convention and to review the continued need for specific exemptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft process for the evaluation of listed BDEs pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention was prepared by secretariat. POPRC-7 provided expert advice on the draft process². In decision POPRC-7/7, POPRC requested the secretariat to collect from parties information on BDEs, using the format set out in the annex to that decision, and decided to revise the draft process at its 8th meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-8 to review information collected on BDEs and to revise the draft process for the evaluation of elimination of BDEs. The revised draft process for the evaluation of BDEs will be presented for consideration by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Format for reporting by parties on PFOS, its salts, and PFOS-F				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a draft format for reporting by parties that use/ produce PFOS, its salts, and PFOS-F, on the progress made in eliminating those chemicals, in accordance with paragraph 3 of part III of Annex B to the Convention SC-5/16 requested the secretariat to update the format for reporting under Article 15 to include new POPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This request is jointly being implemented with SC-5/16. The draft format for reporting on PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F, has been incorporated into the draft updated format for reporting under Article 15. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft updated format for reporting under Article 15 will be presented for consideration by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the activities pertaining to decision SC-5/16 on national reporting do not get full financial support, the draft format will not be incorporated into the electronic reporting system.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/12

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Draft process for the evaluation of PFOS, its salts, and PFOS-F:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to develop a draft process for the COP to evaluate the continued need for PFOS, its salts, and PFOS-F, for various acceptable purposes / specific exemptions, in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat prepared a draft process for the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOS-F. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-8 will be invited to provide expert advice on the draft process and to revise the draft process, as necessary. COP-6 to consider the revised draft process for the evaluation on the continued need for PFOS, its salts, and PFOS-F, for the various exemptions and acceptable purpose. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Development of reporting and reviewing requirements for the use of lindane:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to implement, in cooperation with WHO, the proposed activities, as set out in the secretariat's report on the development of reporting and reviewing requirements for the use of Lindane (UNEP/POPS/COPS/COP.5/18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat, with WHO's technical guidance, has undertaken a study on national policies on lindane as a pharmaceutical and reviewed information on marketing and availability of lindane and its alternatives for the treatment of head lice and scabies in selected countries to identify key elements of the basis for reviewing requirements under the Stockholm Convention. The secretariat conducted a series of webinars on opportunities for parties to phase out Lindane in pharmaceutical uses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat will further collaborate with WHO in the development of reporting and reviewing requirements. Based on the information reviewed, a concept note will be developed to seek funding for a pilot project in selected countries to introduce alternatives and establish reporting on and reviewing of continued need of lindane. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Not yet funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the pilot project will be delayed.

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POPs waste (SC-5/9)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision being implemented through the joint-activity S7. For more information, please refer to the activity S7 in the status report on the synergies decisions. 				
Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 (SC-5/10)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a draft template for certification and a report on certifications from exporting parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat has prepared a draft template for certification pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of article 3 to be presented at COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a report on certifications from exporting parties; including the draft template, for consideration by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Operations of the POPRC, including proposals for listing new POPs (SC-5/11)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement work programme of POPRC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-7 recommended to the COP that it considers listing hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention. The Committee also decided to collect further information on chemical alternatives to HBCD and on the production and use of HBCD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> POPRC-8 will consider whether to specify the annex to which HBCD would be proposed for listing and possible exemptions. COP-6 will have before it the POPRC's proposal for listing HBCD to the Convention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In May 2011, the EU submitted 3 proposals for listing new chemicals in Annexes A, B and/C to the Convention: chlorinated naphthalenes (CN), hexachlorobutadiene (HCBBD) and pentachlorophenol (PCP) and its salts and esters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At POPRC-8, the risk profiles of CN and HCBBD will be reviewed and the result of the work on PCP will be discussed. The three chemicals will still be in the review process in 2013 and not yet ready for discussion by COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For CN and HCB, the Committee considered at its seventh meeting that the Annex D criteria were fulfilled and risk profiles are currently prepared. For PCP, it was considered that PCP itself did not fulfill all Annex D criteria, but that pentachloroanisole, a transformation product of PCP did so. Work is currently conducted to determine the fate and transport of pentachlorophenol and pentachloroanisole and the transformation of pentachlorophenol to pentachloroanisole. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2012, no new proposal for listing new chemicals has been received so far. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deadline for submitting new proposals is: 15 May 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is one more chemical in the review process: Short-chained chlorinated paraffins (SCCP). SCCP has been in the phase of risk profile development for some years since the POPRC could not reach agreement on whether the criteria in Annex E were met. POPRC-6 decided to do additional research and revise the Risk Profile and take it up again at the present meeting (POPRC-8). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the chemical passes on to the next phase, it will not be ready for discussion by the COP-6 in 2013 yet. SCCP will need at least one more year to go through the review process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The POPRC is also working on a range of other scientific issues: POPs and climate change, toxic interactions, alternatives to DDT and endosulfan, 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Fully funded, however only partial funding has 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The documents that are to be commissioned to an external entity

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	assessment of PFOS in open applications, guidance on alternatives to PFOS and evaluation of brominated diphenyl ethers and PFOS. The work is progressing in accordance with the respective work plans and activities requested by the COP.		been transferred.	will not be developed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities to enhance effective participation in the work of the POPRC are also taking place, in particular webinars. Two webinars have already taken place in English and in Spanish. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Partly funded, however only partial funding has been transferred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only partial implementation of activities to enhance effective participation will be conducted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rotation of members has taken place beginning of May 2012: Half of the members of the POPRC have been replaced, in accordance with decision SC-5/11. • The terms of office of the current POPRC chair will expire in May 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At COP-6, the other half of the members (17) will need to be designated to take office in 2014. 4 from Africa, 4 from Asia, 2 from CEE, 3 from GRULAC and 4 from WEOG. • At COP-6, parties will need to elect the next Chair of the Committee to start from May 2014 and chair POPRC10 onwards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POPRC-8 will take place 15-19 October 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparations for the POPRC are progressing well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documents will be published by 3 September, invitation letters, the provisional agenda and eventual new proposals for listing new chemicals will be sent out by 13 July 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (for the participation of experts only, as the participation of POPRC members is funded by the general trust fund). • Partly funded 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A limited number of experts will be able to support the work of the POPRC at its meetings.

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Guidelines on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices (BAT and BEP) (SC-5/12)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COP-5 adopted procedures to update the guidelines to also include BAT and BEP relevant to all chemicals listed in the convention • Invite parties to nominate experts on BAT and BEP to supplement the existing Toolkit expert roster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties were invited to nominate experts in the joint Toolkit/ BAT&BEP roster. Only 12 nominations were received. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau could facilitate further nominations. • Experts will be invited to review the BAT&BEP guidance on new POPs. (meeting to be possibly organized back-to-back with Toolkit meeting below). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases (SC 5/13)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask the Toolkit experts to compile information on UPOPs provided through national reports and prepare a preliminary analysis of that information • The secretariat to continue implementing the process for the ongoing review / update of the toolkit • The secretariat to organize awareness-raising workshops on the revised Toolkit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revision of Toolkit chapters 1-6 has been finalized and revision of chapters 7-10 is ongoing. • Two expert meetings were organized. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The revision will be finalized, electronic tool developed and adopted at the expert meeting in November 2012. • The secretariat to organize awareness-raising workshops on the revised Toolkit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Fully funded, however transfer of funds is pending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds are needed only by November 2012.
Implementation plans (SC-5/14)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat to continue to prepare guidance for the review and update of NIPs relating to newly listed POPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The package of updated and new NIP guidance documents is planned to be posted online in July 2012 in English for parties use and comments. Language versions will be available shortly after. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake capacity-building activities, in line with decision SC-5/10 on guidance on technical assistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes (for capacity-building activities) • Partly funded, however only partial funding has been transferred. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of activities might be delayed.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a report on the feasibility of parties to revise and update their NIP, with information relating to the newly POPs, including recommendations on how to assist them with any difficulties encountered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare the report to COP-6 with relevant information gathered through the online questionnaire developed pursuant to SC-5/20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a report on a legal opinion on Article 7 of the Convention regarding deadlines for transmission of revised NIPs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare the report to COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Information exchange (SC-5/15)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision being implemented through the joint-activity S10. For more information, please refer to the activity S10 in the status report on the synergies decisions. 				
Reporting (SC-5/16)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to update the reporting format The secretariat to improve the electronic system for reporting, taking into account possible synergies with the Basel Convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This decision is jointly implemented with decision S15 on national reporting. The reporting format has been updated to include the nine new POPs. Terms of reference have been drafted and reviewed internally for a consultancy to improve the electronic system for reporting, taking into account possible synergies with the Basel Convention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to initiate the procurement process to hire a consultant to improve the electronic system for reporting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Partly funded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of activities (incl. the activity under SC 5-8) might be delayed.

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Effectiveness evaluation (SC-5/17)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat to collect and compile the information outlined in the proposed framework and prepare a report at COP-6 • Parties are invited to provide comments on the proposed framework • The secretariat to integrate the comments received into the proposed framework for consideration by COP6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments on the draft proposed framework (presented at COP-5) have been received and incorporated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated draft proposed framework will be applied using information available from national reports, the GMP reports and other available information. The report will be presented at COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Global Monitoring Plan (GMP) for effectiveness evaluation (SC-5/18)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretariat to continue to support the process of revising and updating the guidance on the GMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guidance on the GMP is being updated with new POPs and the electronic storage and presentation tool for the GMP data is being developed. The 2nd phase of the GMP has been launched and an online meeting with the coordination group held. • Milk data on new POPs are analyzed in archived milk samples and air monitoring data from Africa and GRULAC (PCDD/PCDF) are promoted through strategic partnerships, such as regional projects funded by the Global Environment Facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars with GMP regional organization groups are taking place in May/ June 2012. • The meeting of the GMP coordination group will be held in October 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Fully funded, however transfer of part of the funds is pending. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current activities are funded from the already received funds. • The pending funds would be needed by September 2012.

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Compliance (SC-5/19)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invites Bureau to facilitate intersessional consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was discussed at the Bureau meeting. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Guidance on technical assistance (SC-5/20)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a report on progress in the application of the guidance on technical assistance, including analysis of obstacles and barriers to gaining access to technical assistance and technology transfer for consideration by COP-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An online questionnaire was developed on technical assistance needs from developing country parties and parties with economies in transition (deadline for submission was mid-March 2012). The secretariat is currently analyzing the information received from parties. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A similar questionnaire is being developed for developed country parties on technical assistance and technologies that they have available to be transferred to developing country parties and parties with economies in transition. Report on needs assessment and obstacles/ barriers being faced available at the COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to continue to implement its technical assistance programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building activities are being undertaken on NIP updating: webinars and regional workshops in languages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to continue to implement capacity building activities, including on NIP updating, during regional workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes Partly funded, however only partial funding has been transferred 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of activities will be delayed.
Regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology (SC-5/21)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to develop a methodology for evaluating the regional centres based on the criteria set out in annex II to decision SC-2/9 COP-6 will evaluate the performance and sustainability of each regional centre listed in annex I to decision SC-4/23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work has started to develop an evaluation of centres based on quantitative analysis. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare a report on activities of the regional centres for consideration at COP-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work plans for the biennium 2012-2013 have been received from all 16 centres. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New nominations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New nomination: BCRC-SEA in Indonesia. Verification process is underway. A physical visit of the centre will be done tentatively in July 2012. Relevant documents are on the website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A consultation for verification will be done with the Bureau by September/ October 2012. 		
Needs assessment (SC-5/22)				
Additional information on support of the Convention				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed country parties, other parties/ observers were invited to provide information on ways in which they can support the Convention (deadline: 31 Dec. 2011) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letters have been sent and 13 responses have been received (parties, industry, RCs, NGOs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information received will be included in a report to COP-6 and in the needs assessment work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Needs assessment				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide to undertake assessment the funding every 4 years starting at COP-6 (adopted the format and TOR of the needs assessment) To support parties in submitting information, the secretariat to develop an information collection form and guidance on how to use it when in reporting funding used in 2010-14 and funding needs in 2015-19 The secretariat to provide assistance to parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A team of experts has been hired to undertake the needs assessment. A kick off meeting has been held with the experts and the secretariat to discuss the work plan. All documents have been made available to parties at the end of April 2012 on the website. Three webinars have been held in April/May 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for submission of information: 30 September 2012. Next steps: additional webinars and individual coaching sessions are available on request. The needs assessment report will be prepared in the 2nd half of 2012 for consideration at COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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Additional guidance to the financial mechanism (SC-5/23)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism (to be updated every four years). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started yet, previous GEF COP guidance will be consolidated for consideration at COP-6. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Effectiveness of the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (SC-5/24)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to prepare report, in consultation with the financial mechanism, on the effectiveness of the implementation of the MOU between the SC COP and the Council of the GEF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not yet started. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the MOU between the COP and the GEF Council will be prepared in the 2nd half of 2012 for consideration at COP-6. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Review of the financial mechanism (SC-5/25)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to compile information relevant to 3rd review of the financial mechanism and submit the report to COP-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The procurement process for the hiring of an independent evaluation company is concluded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kick off meeting planned at the end of May 2012. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Facilitating work with regard to financial resources and mechanisms (SC-5/26)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COP to continue discussion on exploring options for facilitating work with regard to financial resources and mechanisms, incl. on a financial committee The COP requested the ES to undertake consultations with the bureau with the objective of supporting discussions on finance- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 25 April 2011, the secretariat sent a letter inviting parties to provide feedback with regard to financial resources and mechanisms and on organizational structures. As of 17 April 2012, information has been received from the following parties: Mexico, Monaco, Switzerland and Turkey. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The secretariat to continue collecting the views of parties on facilitating the work of the Conference of the parties with regard to financial resources and mechanisms. The secretariat to circulate the documents that will be considered at the upcoming meeting of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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<p>related issues during regular meetings of the COP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The COP requested the ES to take into account the outcomes of the Consultative Process in his consultations 		<p>consultative process and the final outcome of the process to all parties for their information.</p>		
Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (SC-5/27)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the status report on joint-activities. 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint-managerial functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ES's proposal for the organization of the secretariats was made available on 21 December 2011 and is being implemented since 18 February 2012. A quarterly report of the ES on cost savings, efficiencies and delivery improvements resulting from synergies in the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm secretariat is available on the synergies website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was discussed at the Bureau meeting. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint audits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request has been sent to UNEP on joint audit for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Note that during 2011, the Office of the Internal Oversight (OIOS) conducted an audit of the Basel convention (May) and the Board of Auditors (BOA) conducted an audit of the Stockholm Convention (August). 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to the status report on joint-activities. 			

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Financing and budget for the biennium 2012–2013 (SC-5/28)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A briefing on the financial and staffing status for the Stockholm Convention was made during the Bureau meeting. • The financial statements of the two trust funds of the Stockholm Convention are available on the synergies website. 			
Official communications (SC-5/29)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite parties to nominate their official contact points (OCPs) and national focal points (NFPs) • The secretariat to send to the permanent missions to the United Nations in Geneva a copy of all communications sent to parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties were invited to nominate their OCP and NFPs in a letter from the secretariat in August 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A