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RE: NOTIFICATION TO THE SECRETARIAT (UNEP) AND TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION TO USE DDT FOR MALARIA VECTOR CONTROL IN ZIMBABWE

Malaria remains a major cause of mortality and morbidity, has significant direct and indirect costs and is a constraint to economic development in Zimbabwe.

From 1955 to 1990, Zimbabwe succeeded to control malaria through indoor residual spraying of DDT. The shift from DDT to pyrethroids in 1990 to date has seen a gradual reduction of geographical areas covered by indoor residual spraying and a corresponding increase in malaria cases in the country. This gradual decrease in indoor residual spraying coverage is largely attributed to continuing increase over the years of costs of pyrethroid insecticides.

Conscious of the need to take measures to protect the citizens of Zimbabwe from malaria and mindful of the Stockholm Convention provisions of Part II of Annex B and Article 4 of the Convention, the Government of Zimbabwe has determined that it requires DDT for malaria control and hereby notify UNEP and the WHO to add Zimbabwe forthwith to the DDT Register. The Ministry of Health and Child Welfare in collaboration with Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, assisted by experts has developed an action plan that includes regulatory mechanisms to ensure that DDT use is restricted to malaria control in Zimbabwe.

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