

Decision POPRC-1/2: Invited experts

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. *Establishes* the following criteria to be taken into consideration when selecting experts pursuant to paragraphs 10–12 of its terms of reference:
 - (a) The need for areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge to support its work; and
 - (b) The need to achieve an appropriate balance between developed and developing countries;
2. *Decides* to forward the criteria listed in paragraph 1 above to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption at its second meeting;
3. *Agrees* to the process for inviting experts listed in the annex to the present decision.

Annex to decision POPRC-1/2

Process for inviting experts pursuant to paragraphs 10–12 of the terms of reference of the Committee

1. The Committee may invite experts to participate in its meetings in accordance with paragraphs 10–12 of its terms of reference.
2. During the intersessional period between meetings:
 - (a) If a need for specific expertise is identified by a drafting or working group (for example, during the development of the draft risk profiles), the chair of the group shall communicate this need to the Secretariat;
 - (b) The Secretariat shall verify whether the expertise needed is available from the experts on the roster, and:
 - (i) If the Secretariat identifies an expert with such expertise, it shall ask the chair of the group to confirm that the identified expert has the necessary expertise. If that is the case, the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee shall decide whether the expert is to be invited to participate in the work of the drafting or working groups or in the next meeting of the Committee;
 - (ii) If the Secretariat is not able to identify an expert with the needed expertise, it will inform the chair of the group accordingly;
 - (c) If it is determined under subparagraph 2 (b) that needed expertise is not available on the roster of experts, the chair of the group, in consultation with the Secretariat, may identify other experts for this purpose. The Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee shall decide whether the expert identified is to be invited to participate in the work of the drafting or working groups or at the next meeting of the Committee.
3. In inviting experts, the criteria established by the Committee shall be taken into consideration.
4. The Secretariat shall invite the expert taking into account the availability of resources.