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Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft document relating to the recommendation on listing of hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD) in Annex C to the Convention

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its seventh meeting held in May 2015, by decision SC-7/12, the Conference of the Parties decided to list hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD) in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention without specific exemptions.

Furthermore, in decision SC-7/11, the Conference of the Parties requested the POPs Review Committee to further evaluate HCBD on the basis of newly available information in relation to its listing in Annex C and to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on listing HCBD in Annex C for further consideration at its eighth meeting to be held in April 2017.

At its eleventh meeting held in October 2015, by decision POPRC-11/5, the Committee invited parties and observers to submit additional information that would assist the further evaluation by the Committee of the unintentional production of HCBD before 15 January 2016. The information submitted by parties and observers are available on the Convention's website:

<http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4813/Default.aspx>

Based on the information submitted by parties and observers, the intersessional working group established by the Committee prepared the draft document containing a review of the information on unintentional releases of HCBD.

You are invited to review and submit your comments on the attached draft document prepared by the intersessional working group no later than **13 May 2016**, preferably by e-mail to: poprc@brsmeas.org and kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org, or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

If you have any questions regarding this invitation, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org; Tel.: +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,



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