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Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft consolidated guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and its related chemicals

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

In response to the request by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-6/7, the POPs Review Committee, in its decision POPRC-10/5, concluded that the guidance on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) and their related chemicals (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/INF/11/Rev.1) should be revised to incorporate information contained in the relevant documents (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/INF/7, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/INF/17/Rev.1) and any other pertinent information and, as so revised, should be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting to be held in April 2017.

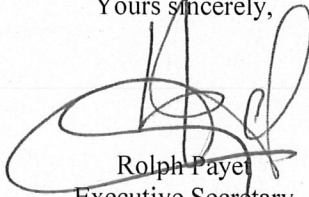
At its eleventh meeting held in October 2015, by decision POPRC-11/6, the Committee invited parties and observers to submit information to enable the Committee to revise the guidance before 8 January 2016. The information submitted by parties and observers are available on the Convention's website: <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4814/Default.aspx>

Based on the relevant documents and the information submitted by parties and observers, the intersessional working group established by the Committee prepared the consolidated guidance on alternatives to PFOS and its related chemicals.

You are invited to review and submit your comments on the attached draft guidance prepared by the intersessional working group no later than **17 June 2016**, preferably by e-mail to: poprc@brsmeas.org and kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org, or by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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