



## STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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**Subject:** Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft document relating to the recommendation on listing of decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) in Annex A to the Convention

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its eleventh meeting held in October 2015, by decision POPRC-11/1, the POPs Review Committee decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it consider listing decabromodiphenyl ether (BDE-209) of commercial decabromodiphenyl ether in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions for some critical spare parts, to be defined, for the automotive and aerospace industries.

Furthermore, the Committee invited parties and observers, including from the automotive and aerospace industries, to provide information that would assist the further defining by the Committee of such critical spare parts and invited parties and observers from small and medium-sized enterprises of the textile industry in developing countries to provide information on the use of decabromodiphenyl ether in the textile industry before 31 January 2016. The information submitted by parties and observers are available on the Convention's website: <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4867/Default.aspx>

Based on the information submitted by parties and observers, the intersessional working group established by the Committee prepared the draft document containing additional information for the further defining of critical spare parts in the automotive and aerospace industries and on the use in textiles in developing countries.

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](mailto:poprc@brsmeas.org) and [kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org](mailto:kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org), or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

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Yours sincerely,

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