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**To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points
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Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft risk management evaluation on endosulfan and to submit additional information (adverse human health effects, costs and benefits of implementing control measures, and alternatives)

The fifth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention took place on 12-16 October 2009, in Geneva. The report of the meeting is available on the Convention's website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee examined the risk profile of endosulfan and decided that the substance is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted and that the Committee should proceed with the development of risk management evaluation. The Committee invited Parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex F and the intersessional working group prepared the attached draft risk management evaluation.

In addition, the Committee noted that the information on adverse human health effects is not fully conclusive in the risk profile of endosulfan. Therefore, the Committee also invited additional information on adverse human health effects in order to further review the risk profile at its sixth meeting if appropriate.

The risk management evaluation will be used together with the risk profiles by the Committee as the basis for its recommendation to the Conference of Parties on whether the chemical should be considered for listing in Annex A, B, and/or C.

You are invited to **review and provide your technical comments on the draft risk management evaluation** to the POPs Review Committee by **25 May 2010**. The drafter of the risk management evaluation indicated further needs for information related to **costs and benefits of implementing control measures as well as alternatives to endosulfan**.

You are also invited to submit additional information on **adverse human health effects** for endosulfan risk profile by **10 June 2010**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: ssc@pops.int and kohno@pops.int

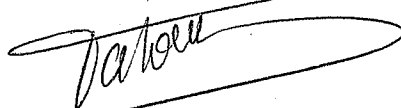
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If you have any further questions regarding this invitation or if you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the POPs Review Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kei Ohno (e-mail: kohno@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,



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