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Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonic fluoride

Dear Sir or Madam,

The ninth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention took place from 14 to 18 October 2013. The report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.9/13) is available on the Convention's website: <http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

In accordance with decision SC-6/4 from the last meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, the Committee developed terms of reference for the preparation of a report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonic fluoride (PFOSF) to assist the Conference of the Parties in undertaking, at its seventh meeting, the evaluation of the continued need for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF for the various acceptable purposes and specific exemptions contained in annex B to the Convention.

In accordance with the terms of reference adopted by the Committee and set out in the annex to decision POPRC-9/5, an intersessional working group has prepared the attached drafts of the report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and supporting factsheets. The Secretariat has been requested by the co-chairs of the working group to gather comments on the draft report from parties and observers to assist the working group in developing the final draft of the report that will be considered by the Committee at its tenth meeting.

You are invited to review the attached draft report on the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and to submit your comments no later than **23 June 2014**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: poprc@brsmeas.org and Melisa.lim@brsmeas.org.

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If you have any questions regarding this invitation or would like to receive hard copies of documents from the Committee, please contact Ms. Melisa Lim (email: melisa.lim@brsmeas.org; telephone: +41 22 9178831).

Yours sincerely,



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