

SC-6/6: Polychlorinated biphenyls

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Recalls* decision SC-5/7, by which the Conference of the Parties decided to undertake, at its seventh meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention;
2. *Encourages* parties to provide information on progress in eliminating polychlorinated biphenyls in their third national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention by 31 August 2014, in accordance with paragraph (g) of part II of Annex A to the Convention, as decided in paragraph 5 of decision SC-5/16;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report on progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls, in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention, on the basis of the third national reports to be submitted by parties pursuant to Article 15 and to submit it to the Conference of the Parties for evaluation at its seventh meeting;
4. *Welcomes* the decision by the United Nations Environment Programme to accept the leadership of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network and expresses its appreciation for the collaboration extended in aid of the sustainable transition of the leadership;
5. *Takes note* of the report by the Chemicals Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme Division of Technology, Industry and Economics¹ on the progress in the implementation of the network and invites the Chemicals Branch to inform the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting regarding the activities of the network;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to participate in the activities of the network;
7. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, industry bodies and other stakeholders to provide technical and financial resources to support the work of the network.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/5.