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Organizational matters: organization of work

**Scenario note for the eighteenth meeting of the Persistent
Organic Pollutants Review Committee**

Note by the Secretariat

A scenario note developed by the interim Chair of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand), to assist participants in preparing for the eighteenth meeting of the Committee, is set out in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Scenario note for the eighteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist participants in preparing for the eighteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee.
2. The documents for the meeting have been posted on the website of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (www.pops.int/poprc18) and made available to the Committee.

A. Objectives and possible outcomes of the meeting

3. The first objective of the meeting is to ensure that the Committee undertakes the work assigned to it under the Convention. To that end, the Committee is expected to:
 - (a) For each of the draft risk management evaluations developed by the intersessional working groups established by the Committee (on Dechlorane Plus and UV-328):
 - (i) Adopt, with any amendments, the risk management evaluation;
 - (ii) Decide, in accordance with paragraph 9 of Article 8 of the Convention, on the basis of the risk management evaluation and the risk profile for the chemical that is the subject of the risk management evaluation, whether the chemical should be recommended for consideration by the Conference of the Parties for listing in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention;
 - (b) For each of the draft risk profiles developed by the intersessional working groups established by the Committee (for chlorpyrifos, chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C₁₄₋₁₇ and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight, and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and related compounds):
 - (i) Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profile;
 - (ii) Decide, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 8 of the Convention and on the basis of the risk profile, whether the chemical 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 proposal should proceed.
4. Participants should note that any new information on chemicals under review that they may wish to bring to the attention of the Committee may be considered during the meeting only if the full documents providing such information, including their references, are provided to all Committee members.
5. The second objective of the meeting is to complete the tasks assigned to the Committee by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and to consider issues related to the effective operation of the Committee. To meet that objective, the Committee is expected to:
 - (a) Review and complete the reports on the information related to the continued need for specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins;
 - (b) Review and complete the report on the assessment of alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, including recommendations;
 - (c) Review and provide comments on the draft report prepared by the Secretariat on the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;
 - (d) Consider the draft document on long-range environmental transport prepared by the intersessional working group and how to proceed, for example by agreeing to request the intersessional working group to further develop the draft document.

B. Meeting agenda

6. The provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.18/1) lists the items before the Committee. The Committee members are invited to notify the Secretariat before the meeting of any other matters that should be included. The annotations to the provisional agenda (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.18/1/Add.1) identify the issues for discussion under each agenda item and the documents that correspond to that item.

C. Organization of work

7. The meeting will take place from Monday, 26 September to Friday, 30 September 2022. Prior to the meeting and using a correspondence procedure, the Committee members will meet in closed session to review issues pertaining to conflicts of interest.

1. Online pre-meetings

8. Pre-meetings will be held online on 14 September 2022, in English only, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (UTC + 2). The online pre-meetings will provide an opportunity to introduce the key documents related to the technical work of the Committee at its eighteenth meeting, raise questions and gather comments. Further information on the practical and technical aspects of the online pre-meetings will be made available on the Convention website.

2. Eighteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

9. A tentative schedule for the meeting, including working hours, is provided in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.18/INF/2. Contact groups and drafting groups will be established as needed throughout the week.

10. The meeting will begin at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 26 September 2022, with opening formalities in plenary (item 1 of the provisional agenda). The Committee will then adopt the agenda for the meeting (item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda), amended as appropriate, and agree on the organization of work (item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda).

11. The Committee will then consider the information provided by a representative of the Secretariat on the rotation of the membership of the Committee (item 3 of the provisional agenda) and on the outcomes of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention relevant to the work of the Committee (item 4 of the provisional agenda).

12. The Committee will then take up the technical work (item 5 of the provisional agenda) as follows:

(a) The Committee will consider the draft risk profiles for chlorpyrifos, chlorinated paraffins with carbon chain lengths in the range C₁₄₋₁₇ and chlorination levels at or exceeding 45 per cent chlorine by weight, and long-chain perfluorocarboxylic acids, their salts and related compounds (items 5 (b) (i), (ii) and (iii) of the provisional agenda). Under these items:

- (i) The chairs of the intersessional working groups that developed the draft risk profiles will present them to the Committee;
- (ii) The Committee will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the drafts;
- (iii) The Committee will discuss the draft risk profiles and whether the chemicals are likely, as a result of their long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted;
- (iv) The Committee may find it necessary to establish contact groups to develop draft decisions that include the elements listed in paragraph 3 (b) (ii) above for possible adoption by the Committee at the meeting;

(b) The Committee will then consider the draft risk management evaluations on Dechlorane Plus and on UV-328 (items 5 (a) (i) and (ii) of the provisional agenda). Under these items:

- (i) The chair of the intersessional working groups that developed the draft risk management evaluations will present them to the Committee;
- (ii) The Committee will be given the opportunity to ask questions about the drafts;

- (iii) The Committee will discuss the draft risk management evaluations and whether the chemicals should be recommended for consideration by the Conference of the Parties for listing in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention;
- (iv) The Committee may find it necessary to establish contact groups to develop draft decisions that include the elements listed in paragraph 3 (a) (ii) above for possible adoption by the Committee at the meeting;

(c) Thereafter, the Committee will consider the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins (item 5 (c) of the provisional agenda); the process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention (item 5 (d) of the provisional agenda); and the draft document on long-range environmental transport (item 5 (e) of the provisional agenda).

13. The Committee will then consider a workplan for the intersessional period between its eighteenth and nineteenth meetings (item 6 of the provisional agenda). Under this item, the workplan for the preparation of draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations will be adopted.

14. The Committee will then agree on the venue and dates of its nineteenth meeting (item 7 of the provisional agenda) and discuss any other matters (item 8 of the provisional agenda).

15. The report of the meeting is expected to be adopted during the afternoon of Friday, 30 September 2022 (item 9 of the provisional agenda). The Committee will approve the report of the meeting as at the end of the plenary session of Thursday, 29 September, with any amendments that it may consider necessary. Consistent with past practice, the Committee may agree that the section of the report pertaining to the plenary sessions held on Friday, 30 September will be prepared by the Vice-Chair, serving as rapporteur, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated into the final meeting report under the authority of the interim Chair.

16. Upon the conclusion of the matters before the Committee, the interim Chair will close the meeting (item 10 of the provisional agenda).
