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**Subject: Proposal to amend the 2001 Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

In accordance with Article 8 of the above Convention any Party may submit proposals to the Secretariat for listing a chemical in the Annexes to the Convention. Further to a technical review, this procedure may result in a decision of the Conference of the Parties on whether to list the chemical and to specify its related control measures, in the Annexes to the Convention, on the basis of the procedure set out in Article 22(4) relating to the amendment of annexes.

Having taken due account of Annex D of the above Convention it has been shown that pentachlorobenzene, octabromodiphenyl ether and short-chained chlorinated paraffins exhibit characteristics of persistent organic pollutants.

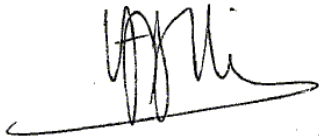
The European Commission, on behalf of the European Community, together with Member States of the European Union which are Parties to the Convention, propose to amend the relevant Annexes of the Convention by adding the following substances:

- octabromodiphenyl ether (CAS number: 32536-52-0);
- pentachlorobenzene (CAS number: 608-93-5);

- short-chained chlorinated paraffins (alkanes, C10-C13, chloro).

You will find enclosed dossiers with the necessary information in support of these proposals. We ask that the Secretariat forward this proposal to the next meeting of the POP Review Committee in November 2006.

Yours Sincerely



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