

Briefing to the Permanent Missions in Geneva

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Briefing of Permanent Missions Overview

1. Outcomes of the Bureau meetings for SC and RC
2. Outcomes of the SC - POPRC meeting and plans for the RC - CRC meeting
3. COP-5 - Preparations for both SC and RC

SC Bureau Meeting on 5 October 2010

Outcomes

SC COP-5 – Bureau Meeting



- Participation
 - President of the COP: Iran
 - Vice-Presidents: Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Kenya
- Specific Issues:
 - GEF-5 → replenishment, STAR, use of GEF funding for old and new POPs
 - Regional and subregional centres → 3 new nominations
 - Reporting → electronic system, deadline for reporting (31 October 2010)

COP-5 – Bureau Meeting



- Report on the implementation of the synergy decisions (ExCOPs in Bali):
 - Joint activities
 - Joint managerial functions
 - Joint services
 - Synchronization of budget cycles
 - Joint audits and review arrangements
- Budget performance, collection of assessed contributions and contributions to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund
- Election of the President at COP-5 → according to rotation president from the Central and Eastern European region

COP-5 – Bureau Meeting



- Presentation of new initiatives of the Secretariat
 - Brokering Service → facilitate and coordinate access of DC/CEITS to capacity assistance
 - Outreach → POPs and Climate Change Safe Planet Campaign
 - POPs-free Products pilot project → POPs alternatives and substitutes
 - Small Grants Programme → involvement of Regional Centres
 - GEF Medium-Sized Projects → update of guidance on new POPs

SC POPRC-6
11-15 October 2010

Outcomes

Key outcomes of POPRC 6



1. Recommendation of listing **Endosulfan** in Annex A of the Convention with specific exemptions
2. Chemicals under review:
 - **Hexabromocyclododecane**
 - Adoption of Risk Profile
 - Proceed with risk management evaluation stage
 - **Short-chained chlorinated paraffins**
 - No decision taken (referred to POPRC-7)
 - Further work on the application of Annex E criteria

Key outcomes of POPRC 6



3. Work plan for new POPs listed at COP-4

- Recommendations on the elimination of bromodiphenyl ethers from the waste stream
- Recommendations on risk reduction for PFOS
- Recommendation to the Basel Convention COP to update the guidelines on the environmental sound management of POPs for new POPs
- Information on unintentional releases of pentachlorobenzene to be forwarded to the expert group on BAT/BEP that may be established at COP5.
- Endorses the guidance for alternatives to PFOS.

Key outcomes of POPRC 6



4. Takes note of the rotation of the membership of 14 members in May 2012 (4 Africa, 4 Asia, 1 CEE, 2 GRULAC, 3 WEOG).
5. Decides on continuation of support for effective POPRC participation
6. Takes note of the outcome of the study on climate change and POPs.
7. Parties are invited to submit
 - information relevant to regulatory and assessment schemes for new chemicals
 - information relevant to chemicals occurring as unintentional trace contaminants in products and articles.

Rotation of the membership



Terms of office expires in 2012. **COP 5** needs to adopt a new list of governments as agreed by each region.

Region/Term	2006 – 2008	2006 – 2010	2008 – 2012	2010 – 2014
Africa	(4) Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Mauritius	(4) Burkina Faso, Morocco, Sierra Leone, South Africa	(4) Chad, Ghana, Mauritius, Togo	(4) Egypt, Nigeria, Tanzania, Zambia
Asia/Pacific	(4) Fiji, Philippines, Qatar, Yemen	(4) China, Japan, Jordan, Thailand	(4) Cambodia, India, Republic of Korea, Syria	(4) China, Japan, Jordan, Thailand
CEE	(1) Slovenia	(2) Armenia, Czech Republic	(1) Bulgaria	(2) Czech Republic, Ukraine
GRULAC	(2) Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay	(3) Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico	(2) Chile, Honduras	(3) Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica
WEOG	(3) Norway, Spain, United Kingdom	(4) Australia, Canada, Germany, Sweden	(3) France, Portugal, Switzerland	(4) Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand

Number in () indicates the number of countries per region.

Endosulfan decision at COP 5



- Analyze POPRC's evaluation and recommendations, identify exemption requirements
 - POPRC recognizes that specific exemptions may be required for some crop-pest complexes to permit the development of feasible and efficient alternatives.
- Coordinate position at the regional level
- Possible contact group during the COP
- Adoption by consensus of the COP or by $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote
- Only credentialed delegations may vote

COP 5

25-29 April 2011 in Geneva



COP-5 Background



Background:

- Venue: International Conference Centre (CICG) in Geneva
- Circulation of COP documents related to the budget of the Convention → 24 January 2011
- Circulation of all other documents: → 7 March 2011
- Credentials procedure
- Paperless meeting

COP-5 - Matters for consideration

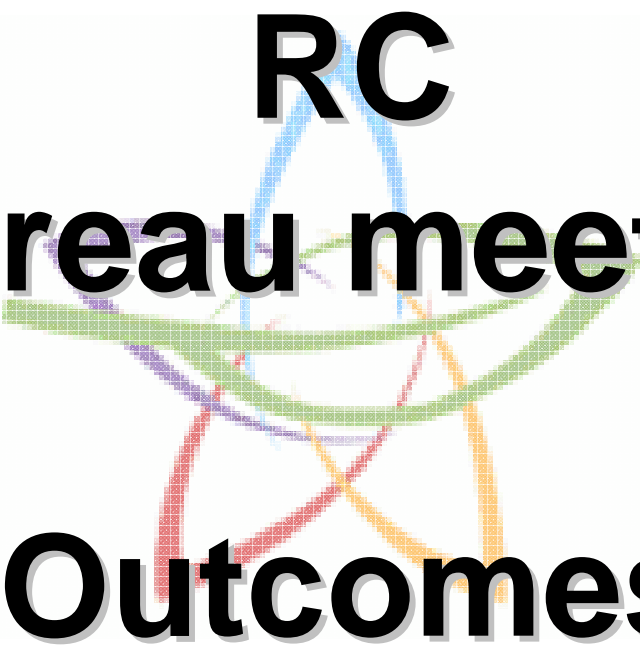


Some key issues at COP-5

- Consideration of listing **Endosulfan** in Annex A
- New POPs and update of National Implementation Plans;
- Compliance mechanism
- Technical assistance and financial resources
- Reporting
- Synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
- Programme of work and budget

<http://www.pops.int>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs). At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized 'S' in blue and orange. To its right, the text reads "Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)". In the top right corner, there is a navigation menu with links for "Meetings", "Documents", "Contacts", and "Projects", along with the date "January 21, 2009" and a "Login" link. Below the navigation menu are icons for home, a printer, and a search box with the text "A A" and "Search". A horizontal menu below the logo contains five items: "CONVENTION" (orange), "PROGRAMMES" (yellow), "COUNTRIES" (light green), "SECRETARIAT" (medium green), and "PARTNERS" (dark green). The main content area features a large image of a crab on a white flower. Overlaid on the bottom of this image is the text "STOCKHOLM CONVENTION PROTECTING LIFE" in large, bold, white capital letters.



RC
Bureau meeting
Outcomes

RC Bureau meeting



- **Participation:**

- President of the COP: South Africa
- Vice-Presidents: Finland, Oman, Poland (Mexico unavailable)

RC Bureau meeting



- **Specific Issue:**

- ✓ Final Regulatory Actions (**FRA**) – available in PIC Circular
- ✓ Where **FRA presented from 2 or more regions** – CRC assessment as a candidate chemical for listing in Annex III

RC Bureau meeting



- **Specific Issue:**

- ✓ A **joint meeting of the Bureaus** of the three COPs to be proposed to Basel and Stockholm Bureaus

RC Bureau meeting



- **Specific Issue:**

- ✓ Parties to **update contact lists** for OCPs and DNAs – letter sent last week – deadline 20 November – to support invitations to COP

RC Bureau meeting



- **Budgetary matters:**

- ✓ As of mid-October - **Secretariat is fully staffed** both at UNEP and in FAO.
- ✓ Still **insufficient resources** to fully implement the TA activities approved by COP-4 - despite funds expected from pledges.

RC Bureau meeting



- **Budgetary matters:**
 - ✓ **93% of mandatory contributions collected** from countries other than SIDs and LDCs
 - ✓ Outstanding host country **contributions from Italy** have not yet been paid for part of 2009 and 2010.

RC Bureau meeting



- **Budgetary matters:**
 - ✓ **FAO to establish trust fund** that could support RC technical assistance activities

RC Bureau meeting



- **Safe Planet Campaign:**
 - ✓ For Responsibility on Hazardous Chemicals and Wastes
 - ✓ Partners to undertake public awareness activities for the campaign
 - ✓ To build awareness globally on the issue of hazardous chemicals and waste
 - ✓ Relies on a common approach to awareness-raising and outreach activities among the three Conventions



CRC-7

FAO, Rome, Italy

28 March – 1 April 2011



CRC-7



- **Pesticides to be considered:**
 - Amitraz
 - Carbaryl
 - Endosulfan
- **Industrial chemicals:**
 - PFOS and its salts
 - Pentabromodiphenyl ether
 - Octabromodiphenyl ether
- **Severely Hazardous Pesticide Formulation:**
 - Gramoxone super- Paraquat



COP-5

Preparations

COP-5 preparations



- COP-5 will be held at the **CICG in Geneva** from 20-24 June 2011.
- **Invitation letters and provisional agenda** will be sent out at the beginning of December 2010.
- A **first set of meeting documents** will be dispatched in January 2011 and a **second dispatch** will take place by 9 May 2011
- Inter-secretariat coordination is ongoing for the **joint development of synergies documents**

COP-5 Preparations



- **Chemicals recommended for inclusion in Annex III**
 - **crysotile**
 - **endosulfan**
 - **alachlor**
 - **aldicarb**
 - **azinphos methyl**
- Countries to consult within their regions to align their positions on key chemicals.

COP-5 preparations



- Funds required to ensure participation by all Parties at COP-5.
- Secretariat update on industrial chemicals management programme – pilots ongoing in Jordan and Botswana
- Intensified technical assistance activities – impact registered in increased import responses received
- COP-5 will be a **paperless meeting**.



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