

SC-11/2: DDT

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC-11/17, on the effectiveness evaluation, as they relate to DDT,

1. *Takes note* of the report by the DDT expert group on the assessment of the production and use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control, including the conclusions and recommendations set out therein;¹ the report on the first set of consultations under the intersessional process of consultations with the 18 Parties in the DDT register on a possible phase-out plan;² the report by the United Nations Environment Programme on the implementation of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT and of the Global Alliance for the Development and Deployment of Products, Methods and Strategies as Alternatives to DDT for Disease Vector Control;³ and the World Health Organization *Guidelines for Malaria*;⁴
2. *Concludes* that there is a continued need for the use of DDT for malaria vector control in specific settings;
3. *Encourages* Parties using DDT to adopt alternative indoor residual spraying products and/or insecticide-treated nets, as indicated by local data, in the context of insecticide resistance management strategies;
4. *Invites* the Parties currently in the DDT register to review their needs by 31 December 2023, and to transmit an updated notification of intention to produce and/or use DDT or a notification of withdrawal from the register;
5. *Decides* to evaluate, at its twelfth meeting, the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of the available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information, including that provided by the DDT expert group;
6. *Adopts* the list of Parties to be invited to nominate experts to serve as members of the DDT expert group for terms of office of four years starting on 1 September 2023 set out in the annex to the present decision;
7. *Decides* to continue, subject to the availability of resources, through the DDT expert group, the intersessional process of consultations with Parties in the DDT register on a possible phase-out plan for DDT and withdrawal from the DDT register, and requests the expert group to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the prospects for phasing out DDT for those Parties;
8. *Requests* the DDT expert group to update the DDT questionnaire, taking into account recent developments in vector control and DDT use, and reminds Parties listed in the DDT register to provide the information requested in the DDT questionnaire to the Secretariat;
9. *Urges* Parties that have identified DDT stockpiles to provide information related to those stockpiles to the Secretariat through their national reports under Article 15 of the Convention;
10. *Invites* Parties to explore approaches that speed up the environmentally sound disposal of obsolete stockpiles of DDT, such as working with the regional centres of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to establish a local waste management industry for environmentally sound disposal of DDT and other pesticides within a region or subregion;
11. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to lead the implementation of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT, in consultation with the World Health Organization, the DDT expert group and the Secretariat, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the implementation of activities related thereto;
12. *Encourages* Parties to consider putting forward a proposal, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, to amend the interval of the submission of information on DDT pursuant to paragraph 4 of part II of Annex B to every two years so as to enable the consideration of the matter by the Conference of the Parties at every ordinary meeting;

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/8, annex I.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/8, annex III.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/10, annex.

⁴ <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/guidelines-for-malaria>.

13. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to support the process set out in annex I to decision SC-3/2 on DDT;

14. *Also requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To assist Parties in reporting on DDT and promoting locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives for a sustainable transition away from DDT;

(b) To support the DDT expert group in undertaking the intersessional process of consultations referred to in paragraph 7 of the present decision;

(c) To continue to participate in the activities of the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT;

15. *Welcomes* the collaboration with the World Health Organization in the process of the reporting on and assessment and evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and in promoting suitable alternatives to DDT for disease vector control, and invites the World Health Organization to continue that collaboration;

16. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Health Organization and their partner agencies to provide technical assistance to DDT-using Parties, including through the development of projects, to support the local evaluation and uptake of third-generation indoor residual spraying products and/or insecticide-treated nets, and to enhance national strategic plans and capacity for insecticide resistance management;

17. *Invites* Parties and others in a position to do so to continue to provide technical and financial resources, with due priority accorded to the areas identified in the report on the effectiveness evaluation of the Convention,⁵ such as addressing concerns regarding the high cost of new-generation indoor residual spraying insecticides and other alternatives where this can be demonstrated to lead to the phasing out of DDT.

⁵ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/19/Add.1, part III, sect. 2.

Annex to decision SC-11/2

List of Parties identified by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting to be invited to nominate experts to serve as members of the DDT expert group for terms of office starting on 1 September 2023

African States

Girma Gemechu (Ethiopia)

Amwele Rantila Hilma (Namibia)

Asia-Pacific States

Hussain Ali Ghanem (Bahrain)

Nezar Abed AlRuof Ali Haddad (Jordan)

Eastern European States

Nina Zovko (Croatia)

Dragana Raonic Popovic (Montenegro)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Pablo Ernesto Roa Moraga (Chile)

Jeannette Venegas (Costa Rica)

Western European and other States

An Jamers (European Union)

[to be completed in the intersessional period]