

SC-4/2: DDT

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report of the expert group on the assessment of the production and use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control;¹
2. *Concludes* that countries that are currently using DDT for disease vector control may need to continue such use until locally appropriate and cost-effective alternatives are available for sustainable transition away from DDT;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat in collaboration with the World Health Organization to carry out the activities for the assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control as established in the process for reporting on and evaluating DDT and to provide guidance for the Conference of the Parties to make an evaluation at its fifth meeting;
4. *Endorses* the establishment of a global alliance for the development and deployment of products, methods and strategies as alternatives to DDT for disease vector control as described in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on a draft business plan for promoting a global partnership on the development and deployment of alternative products, methods and strategies to DDT for disease vector control,² and requests the secretariat to lead its implementation;
5. *Urges* Parties to participate actively in the establishment of the global alliance described in the annex to the note by the Secretariat referred to in the preceding paragraph and welcomes the involvement of all other Governments, the private sector, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, researchers and philanthropic institutions in the effort to achieve the dual aims of reducing reliance on DDT and reducing transmission of the malaria vector and other disease carriers now controlled by DDT;
6. *Takes note* of the report on the global status of the implementation of integrated vector management prepared by the World Health Organization and encourages developing country Parties that use DDT to work with the World Health Organization to introduce integrated vector management in their vector control programmes.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/5.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/6/Rev1.