

## SC-5/10: Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the report by the Secretariat on information to be taken into account in the evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Concludes* that the information currently available on experience with using the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 is insufficient as a basis for evaluating the continued need for the procedure;
3. *Urges* parties to include in their reports required under Article 15 of the Convention information on their imports and exports of the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Convention, if any, and in so doing to provide as much information as is practicable regarding the destinations of exported chemicals and the purposes for which chemicals are imported;
4. *Reminds* parties that, when exporting chemicals listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Convention to any State not party to the Convention, paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 of the Convention requires them to submit to the Secretariat an annual certification from the importing State;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a further report, based on party reports submitted pursuant to Article 15, on certifications from exporting parties pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 and on other relevant information, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to prepare a draft template for the certification pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 for use on an interim basis and for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
7. *Decides* to evaluate further the continued need for the procedure set out in paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 at its sixth meeting.

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1 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/8, annex.