

## **SC-5/4: Work programme on endosulfan**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Having amended* the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to list endosulfan in Annex A to the Convention with specific exemptions,<sup>1</sup>

*Taking into account* that many countries have banned or are phasing out the use and production of endosulfan,

*Recognizing* that suitable, cost-effective and safe alternatives need to be identified to facilitate the replacement of the use of endosulfan,

*Noting* the respective capabilities of developed and developing countries,

*Mindful of* paragraph 1 of Article 12 of the Convention relating to the rendering of timely and appropriate technical assistance,

1. *Decides* to undertake a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan, as set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to provide technical and financial support for those activities.

### **Annex to decision SC-5/4**

#### **Indicative elements of a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan**

1. Parties are requested and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on the following aspects of chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan for the uses identified as specific exemptions in Annex A to the Convention by 31 July 2011:
  - (a) Technical feasibility;
  - (b) Health and environmental effects;
  - (c) Cost-effectiveness;
  - (d) Efficacy;
  - (e) Risk, taking into account the characteristics of potential persistent organic pollutants as specified in Annex D to the Convention;
  - (f) Availability;
  - (g) Accessibility;
  - (h) Any other available information.
2. The Secretariat is requested:
  - (a) To gather and compile the information referred to in paragraph 1 above and to make it available to parties and observers;
  - (b) To summarize such information to facilitate the work of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and submit it in advance of its seventh meeting.
3. The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, beginning at its seventh meeting, is requested:
  - (a) To review the information provided pursuant to paragraph 1 above;
  - (b) To identify potential gaps in such information and to seek ways to fill those gaps;
  - (c) To assess the alternatives to endosulfan in accordance with the general guidance on considerations related to alternatives and substitutes to listed persistent organic pollutants and

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candidate chemicals (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10/Add.1) on the basis of the information provided by parties and observers referred to in paragraph 1 above, giving priority to information on alternatives for crops using high volumes of endosulfan and other information as appropriate;

(d) To prepare reports for the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on the assessment of alternatives to endosulfan.

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