

SC-6/12: Implementation plans

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the additional implementation plans transmitted by parties pursuant to Article 7, including the revised and updated plans;
2. *Takes note* of the report on the legal opinion on Article 7 regarding deadlines for the transmission of revised national implementation plans;¹
3. *Also takes note* of the deadlines for the transmission of revised and updated implementation plans;²
4. *Encourages* those parties for whom the deadlines for transmitting their implementation plans have passed to transmit their plans as soon as possible, if they have not already done so;
5. *Takes note* of the report on the feasibility for parties, in particular developing-country parties, parties with economies in transition and small island developing States, to revise and update their national implementation plans with information relating to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants and recommendations on how to assist them with encountered difficulties;³
6. *Also takes note* of the guidance documents listed in paragraph 7 below, which include revised and updated Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, updated in 2012 to include the chemicals listed in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention in 2009 and 2011, and additional guidance developed by the Secretariat in response to decision SC-5/14;
7. *Encourages* parties to use the following guidance documents:⁴
 - (a) Guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Draft, 2012, updated in 2012 to include the persistent organic pollutants listed in the annexes to the Convention in 2009 and 2011);
 - (b) Draft guidance on socio-economic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention (2007);
 - (c) Guidance on calculation of action plan costs, including incremental costs and action plans for specific organic pollutants (Draft, 2012, updated in 2012 to include the persistent organic pollutants listed in the annexes to the Convention in 2009 and 2011);
 - (d) Draft guidance for the inventory for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012);
 - (e) Draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012);
 - (f) Draft guidance for the control of the import and export of persistent organic pollutants (2012);
 - (g) Labelling of products or articles that contain POPs – initial considerations (Draft, 2012);
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to forward the waste-related content of the draft inventory guidance documents mentioned in paragraphs 7 (d) and (e) above to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;
9. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention:

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/15.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/12.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/14.

⁴ The guidance documents listed in this paragraph are available online at <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/2882/Default.aspx>.

(a) To take the draft guidance referred to in paragraphs 7 (d) and (e) above into account in its work on updating the general technical guidelines and the preparation or updating of specific technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants;

(b) To review the waste-related aspects of the draft guidance documents referred to in paragraphs 7 (d) and (e) above and to forward the outcome to the Stockholm Convention Secretariat by 31 October 2014;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate the revision of the draft guidance documents referred to in paragraphs 7 (d) and (e) above, based on the comments received from the Basel Convention;

11. *Also requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the revision of the draft documents referred to in paragraphs 7 (b), (d), (e), (f) and (g) above, according to the procedure below:

(a) To invite detailed comments from parties by 30 September 2013;

(b) To integrate parties' comments into the draft guidance by 31 March 2014;

(c) To circulate the draft guidance to parties for further comments by 31 October 2014;

(d) To integrate parties' comments into the draft guidance and to submit the revised draft guidance to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventh meeting;

12. *Invites* parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat, based on their experience in using any guidance referred to in paragraph 7 above, on how to improve its usefulness;

13. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To update the guidance listed in paragraph 7 above, as appropriate, on the basis of the comments received, resources permitting;

(b) To continue to identify any additional guidance that might be required to assist parties in the development and implementation of the Convention;

(c) To report further progress on those matters to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventh meeting;

Invites parties and others in a position to do so to provide the additional funding required for developing the additional guidance.