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Subject: Call for information in follow-up to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (1-12 May 2023)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and others to provide information. The full set of decisions adopted at the meeting is contained in Annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Stockholm Convention website in due course: www.pops.int. To facilitate responses to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions that contain such invitations. Please bear in mind that this letter does not reflect the full set of decisions.

The information set out in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "[Call for information in follow-up to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters are also being sent to Parties and observers to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions as a follow-up to the sixteenth and eleventh meetings of their respective conferences of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

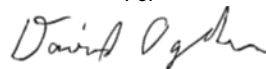
In decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention agreed to list methoxychlor, Dechlorane Plus and UV-328 in Annex A. The amendments shall be communicated to all Parties by the depositary to the Convention in separate notifications.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Sharon Rivera, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: sharon.rivera@un.org; Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 82 87).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

For



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Executive Secretary

Enc.: Follow-up to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

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Stockholm Convention National Focal Points
Members of the Bureau of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention
Observers admitted to meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

cc: Representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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1. Exemptions

Decision: SC-11/1: Exemptions

Background:

The Conference of the Parties urged Parties wishing to register for currently available specific exemptions or acceptable purposes or to provide notifications of chemicals occurring as constituents of articles or of the production in accordance with note (ii) of Annex A or B to the Convention and use of chemicals as closed-system site-limited intermediates in accordance with note (iii) of Annex A or B to the Convention to so notify the Secretariat using the relevant forms.¹

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties listed in the register for specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether are invited to provide to the Secretariat additional information to justify the need for the registration of such exemptions for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, including on the following: production; uses; efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures; information on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternatives; status of control and monitoring capacity; and any control actions taken at the national or regional level	Parties	31 December 2024

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Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

¹ <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/4646/Default.aspx>.

2. DDT

Decision: SC-11/2: DDT

Background:

The Conference of the Parties encouraged 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.

The Conference of the Parties decided 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. The Conference of the Parties also decided 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.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties currently in the DDT register are invited to review their needs and to transmit an updated notification of intention to produce and/or use DDT or a notification of withdrawal from the register	Parties	31 December 2023
(b)	Parties that have identified DDT stockpiles are urged to provide information related to those stockpiles to the Secretariat through their national reports under Article 15 of the Convention	Parties	Information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(c)	Parties are encouraged 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, through the DDT questionnaire, every two years so as to enable the consideration of the matter by the Conference of the Parties at every ordinary meeting	Parties	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Contact person:

Ms. Lina Fortelius, email: lina.fortelius@un.org

3. Polychlorinated biphenyls

Decision: SC-11/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to undertake, at its thirteenth meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention.

The Conference of the Parties also decided to re-establish a small intersessional working group, working by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, through face-to-face meetings, to assist the Secretariat.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to provide comments on the guidance for the development of inventories of polychlorinated biphenyls and analysis of polychlorinated biphenyls; ² the draft strategy for Parties to meet the 2025 and 2028 goals of the Stockholm Convention; ³ and other guidance relevant to polychlorinated biphenyls available under the Stockholm Convention ⁴	Parties Observers	31 October 2023
(b)	Parties are urged to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures they have taken to implement part II of Annex A to the Convention, including quantitative information on polychlorinated biphenyls, in their national reports pursuant to Article 15	Parties	As soon as possible if not yet reported in the fifth national report pursuant to Article 15.
(c)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country of the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat accordingly	Parties	31 August 2023
(d)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts, taking due consideration of regional and gender balance and of relevant expertise, to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Observers	31 August 2023

Contact person:

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² UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/12.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/13.

⁴ <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/665>.

4. Evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-11/4: Evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to undertake, at its thirteenth meeting, the evaluation of the continued need for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride for the various specific exemptions and acceptable purposes, in accordance with the process set out in the annex to decision SC-6/4 and the revised schedule set out in the annex to decision SC-7/5.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties using insect baits with sulfluramid (CAS No. 4151-50-2) as an active ingredient for the control of leaf-cutting ants from <i>Atta</i> spp. and <i>Acromyrmex</i> spp. for agricultural use are reminded to register for the acceptable purpose by notifying the Secretariat	Parties	As soon as possible.

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

5. Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Decision: SC-11/5: Guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Background:

The Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the updated joint Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster,⁵ the reports of the expert meetings on best available techniques and best environmental practices,⁶ and the report on the polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins and polychlorinated dibenzofurans releases reported according to Article 5 and Annex C to the Convention⁷. The Conference of the Parties also welcomed the four updated sections of the guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to Article 5 of and Annex C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants⁸. The Conference of the Parties furthermore requested the experts on the Toolkit and on best available techniques and best environmental practices to continue the work on the ongoing review and update of the guidelines and guidance in accordance with the workplan for the review and updating of the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices.⁹

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are encouraged to use the guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices when applying measures to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of the chemicals listed in Annex A or B, and/or C to the Convention, and to provide feedback on their usefulness.	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit short case studies on remediation of sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants to be considered in further developing the draft guidance on the identification and management of sites contaminated by persistent organic pollutants.	Parties Others	In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023.
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit information on the production process and use of short-chain chlorinated paraffins, including products containing short-chain chlorinated paraffins.	Parties Others	In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023.
(d)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts with relevant expertise to be added to the joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster.	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(e)	Parties and others are invited to contribute to the further review and update of the guidelines and guidance by submitting information on the successful application of best available techniques and best environmental practices relevant to the chemicals listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Convention and other technical information.	Parties Others	In accordance with the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/5 by 15 September 2023.

Contact person:

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⁵ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/17/Rev.1.

⁶ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/16.

⁷ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/19.

⁸ <http://chm.pops.int/?tabid=187>.

⁹ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/8, annex II.

6. Implementation plans

Decision: SC-11/7: Implementation plans

Background:

The Conference of the Parties took note of the draft guidance on inventories and alternatives to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants¹⁰ and other guidance available to support the development and updating of the national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention¹¹.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties that have not developed or updated their implementation plans are urged to enhance their efforts to do so and transmit their plans as soon as possible	Parties	As soon as possible.
(b)	Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the guidance and the document setting out a draft global approach to the review and updating of national implementation plans pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention	Parties Observers	31 October 2023
(c)	Appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal are invited to review the waste related aspects of the draft guidance on inventories and alternatives to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants and other guidance available to support the development and updating of the national implementation plans for the Convention	Bodies of the Basel Convention	31 October 2023
(d)	Parties are encouraged to pilot test the electronic templates for the reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans in a manner harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention, developed in cooperation with the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme. Parties are invited to submit comments on the electronic templates.	Parties	31 October 2023

Contact person:

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¹⁰ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/21, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/22.

¹¹ <http://chw.pops.int/tabid/7730/Default.aspx>.

7. Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Decision: SC-11/8: Operation of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Background:

The Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties and observers to undertake, within their capabilities, appropriate research, development, monitoring and cooperation pertaining to alternatives to persistent organic pollutants and candidate persistent organic pollutants in accordance with Article 11 of the Convention.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat any further information regarding the identification of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds and by the listing of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds so that the information can be considered in further updating the indicative lists of those chemicals pursuant to paragraph 9 of decision SC-9/13 and paragraph 3 of decision SC-10/14, respectively	Parties Observers	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(b)	Parties and observers are encouraged to submit the information specified in Annexes E and F to the Convention and to review and provide to the Committee in a timely manner, through the Secretariat, technical comments on draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations to support the development of sound recommendations to the Conference of the Parties and supporting documents on the listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and, in doing so, where relevant, to involve experts working at the national level on activities related to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal	Parties Observers	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

8. POPs in stockpiles, products and article in use and waste

Decision: SC-11/12: POPs in stockpiles, products and article in use and waste

Background:

The Conference of the Parties urged Parties to effectively implement subparagraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Article 6 of the Convention.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit information on experiences with, and challenges encountered in, developing and implementing appropriate strategies for identifying persistent organic pollutants in stockpiles, products and articles in use and in wastes and other relevant information to support the work referred to in paragraph 2 of decision SC-11/12	Parties Observers	Date to be decided on by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

9. Technical assistance

Decision: SC-11/13: Technical assistance

Background:

In part I of decisions BC-16/17, RC-11/6 and SC-11/13, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions requested the Secretariat to prepare a report on the assessment of the needs of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for technical assistance and technology transfer. The reports will be developed on the basis of information to be provided by Parties and others on needs and availability of technical assistance and technology transfer under the conventions and will inform the development of the technical assistance plan of the conventions for the period 2026–2029, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties at their next meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on their needs for technical assistance and technology transfer, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.	Developing-country Parties Parties with economies in transition	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	31 March 2024
(b)	Developed-country Parties and others with the capacity to do so are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on the technical assistance and technology that they have available to be transferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition	Developed-country Parties Others	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	31 March 2024

Contact person:

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10. Financial mechanism

Decision: SC-11/14: Financial mechanism

Background:

The Conference of the Parties took note of the updated complete set of guidance to the financial mechanism¹² and of the outcome of the meeting regarding how to proceed with retiring, streamlining and consolidating the guidance to the financial mechanism¹³.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
	Assessment of funding needs for the period 2026-2030			
(a)	Parties and others are invited to provide the relevant information required to undertake the assessment of funding needs set out in the terms of reference for the assessment of funding needed by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention over the period 2026 - 2030	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	31 August 2024
(b)	Developed-country Parties are invited to use, as appropriate, online questionnaires and other formats and, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat with information on ways in which they can provide support, including new and additional financial resources, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support	Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	31 October 2024
(c)	Other Parties are invited to use, as appropriate, online questionnaires and other formats and, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat with information on ways in which they can provide support, including financial resources, in accordance with their capabilities, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support	Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	31 October 2024
(d)	Other sources, including relevant funding institutions, such as development banks and the private sector, are invited to use, as appropriate, online questionnaires and other	Other sources	An online questionnaire will be made available on the	31 October 2024

¹² Available at <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/FinancialMechanism/Guidance/tabid/682/Default.aspx>.

¹³ UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/31, annex.

	formats and, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat with information on ways in which they can provide contributions to the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such contributions		Convention website to enable responses to this request.	
	Sixth review of the Financial Mechanism			
(e)	The entities entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism are requested to provide information relevant to the review in a timely manner.	Entities entrusted with the operation of the Financial Mechanism	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	In a timely manner
(f)	Parties are encouraged to provide information on their experiences gained in the context of activities funded by the financial mechanism	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	31 August 2024
(g)	Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to provide relevant information pursuant to the objectives of the present review	Intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	31 August 2024

Contact person:

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11. Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-11/16: Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Background:

The Conference of the Parties urged Parties that have not yet submitted their fifth national report, which was due by 31 August 2022, to do so as soon as possible, and to submit a report that is as complete as possible.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to submit their sixth national report as complete as possible and on time.	Parties	31 August 2026

Contact person:

Ms. Lina Fortelius, email:lina.fortelius@un.org

12. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Decisions: BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In part I of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions reiterated their encouragement to Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of international trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the conventions, using the prescribed forms.

In part II of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention reminded Parties to the Basel Convention to report cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic or through table 9 of the format for national reporting.

In part III of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions invited Parties to the three conventions to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are encouraged to voluntarily provide information about cases of international trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the conventions	Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ²	As appropriate
(b)	Parties to the Basel Convention are reminded to report cases of illegal traffic	Parties to the Basel Convention	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ³ or table 9 of the format for national reporting	As appropriate
(c)	Parties are invited to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and to voluntarily share information through the Secretariat on action taken to implement and enforce the trade control measures, as well as on challenges Parties may be facing	Parties to the three conventions	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below	As appropriate

Contact person:

Ms. Tatiana Terekhova, email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org.

13. Venue and dates of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decisions: BC-16/26, RC-11/13 and SC-11/25: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

The conferences of the Parties decided to convene the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions back to back, from 28 April to 9 May 2025, in Geneva. The conferences of the Parties further decided that the meetings would include a high-level segment of no more than one day's duration. The conferences of the Parties furthermore invited Parties to submit offers to host the 2027 meetings of the conferences of the Parties.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties are invited to submit offers to host the 2027 meetings of the conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2025.	Parties	28 January 2025

Contact person:

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