

(1) Request for information for the revision of the draft format supporting the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers
(as contained in the first letter)

Decision: SC-6/3: Process for the evaluation of progress parties have made towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles and the review of the continued need for specific exemptions for those chemicals

Background:

At its sixth meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted the process to enable it to evaluate at its eighth meeting the progress that parties have made towards achieving their ultimate objective of elimination of brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A to the Convention and to review the continued need for the specific exemption for those chemicals in accordance with paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of that Annex, as set out in annex I to decision SC-6/3. The Conference of the Parties decided, *inter alia*, to establish a small intersessional working group (SIWG), operating by electronic means, to review and revise the draft format for the submission of information for this evaluation and review, set out in annex II to document UNEP/POPS/COP.6/6.

Requests:

- Parties are invited to nominate experts to participate in the SIWG and inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2013; (request a)
- Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country for the SIWG and inform the Secretariat accordingly by 30 June 2013; (request b)
- Parties are invited to submit suggestions on revising the draft format to the Secretariat by 30 November 2013. (request c)

Respondents:

- Parties.

Method of submission:

- Please submit suggestions on revising the draft format by including them in track changes mode, when applicable, to the contact point provided below. The draft format is available on the Convention's website at: <http://chm.pops.int/Convention/ConferenceoftheParties%28COP%29/Meetings/COP6/FollowuptoCOP6/tabid/3254/Default.aspx>.

Deadlines for submissions:

- For request a: **30 June 2013** for nominations of experts;
- For request b: **30 June 2013** for indication of a party's willingness to serve as a lead country for the review and revision of the draft format;
- For request c: **30 November 2013** for submission of parties' suggestions on revising the draft format.

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