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Subject: Call for information and follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its eighth meeting (Geneva, Switzerland from 24 April to 5 May 2017)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its eighth 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 are contained in annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Stockholm Convention website: www.pops.int. To facilitate your response to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions.

This letter and relevant forms for submitting the solicited information are also available on the Convention website in the section "[Call for information and follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters have also been sent to Parties and observers for the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. The invitations for information contained in three of the joint decisions adopted by the three conferences of the Parties have been included in each of the individual letters.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Marylene Beau, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: marylene.beau@brsmeas.org; Tel: +41 22 917 83 87, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

Enc.: Follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its eighth meeting

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Stockholm Convention National Focal Points
Members of the Bureau of the ninth 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. Specific exemptions, acceptable purposes and other exemptions or notifications

Decision: SC-8/1: Specific exemptions, acceptable purposes and other exemptions or notifications

Background:

In accordance with Article 4 of the Convention and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, Parties may register for one or more types of specific exemptions listed in Annex A or Annex B to the Convention. Specific exemptions under Article 4 are available only for those Parties that have registered through a notification in writing to the Secretariat.

Registrations of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes, as well as notifications of articles in use and closed-system site-limited intermediates are made available on the Convention website at:

<http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/Exemptions/Overview/tabid/789/Default.aspx>

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties wishing to register for specific exemptions and acceptable purposes, articles in use and closed-system site-limited intermediates that are currently available are requested to notify the Secretariat.	Parties	Please use the notification forms available on the Convention website ¹ .	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.

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¹ <http://chm.pops.int/Procedures/Exemptionsandacceptablepurposes/tabid/4646/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/Procedures/Articlesinuseandclosedsystem/tabid/4647/Default.aspx>

2. Polychlorinated biphenyls

Decision: SC-8/3: Polychlorinated biphenyls

Background:

In decision SC-8/3, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the consolidated assessment of efforts to eliminate polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). It also decided to undertake, at its ninth meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of PCBs accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention. To that end, it encouraged Parties to provide information on progress in eliminating PCBs in their fourth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention. The Conference of the Parties also decided to establish a small intersessional working group to prepare a report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. Parties are invited to consider serving as a lead country in the preparation of this report, in consultation with the small intersessional working group. Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are encouraged to provide information on progress in eliminating PCBs in their fourth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention.	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. ¹	31 August 2018
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country in the preparation of the report on progress towards the elimination of PCBs.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2017
(c)	Parties and others to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2017

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¹ <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>.

3. Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-8/4: Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention

Background:

In decision SC-8/4, the Conference of the Parties decided, among other things, to undertake the further evaluation of progress that Parties have made towards eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers contained in articles and the review of the continued need for specific exemptions for those chemicals at its tenth meeting, pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention and in accordance with the process set out in the annex to decision SC-6/3 and the schedule set out in the annex to decision SC-8/4.

The Conference of the Parties also encouraged Parties to collect information on the types and quantities of brominated diphenyl ethers in articles in use and in the waste and recycling stream and on measures taken to ensure their environmentally sound management pursuant to Article 6 of the Convention and, where appropriate, parts IV and V of Annex A to the Convention, and to make that information available to the Secretariat.

It also urged Parties and other relevant stakeholders to implement where appropriate, taking into account national circumstances, the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 on the elimination from the waste stream of brominated diphenyl ethers, and to provide information on progress to the Conference of the Parties in order to facilitate the evaluation and review of progress in eliminating brominated diphenyl ethers.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties are encouraged to collect and submit information on: (a) The types and quantities of brominated diphenyl ethers in articles in use and in the waste and recycling stream; and (b) Measures taken to ensure their environmentally sound management.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019 , in line with the schedule set out in annex to decision SC-8/4.
Parties and other relevant stakeholders to implement where appropriate, taking into account national circumstances, the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 on the elimination from the waste stream of brominated diphenyl ethers, and to provide information on progress.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019 , in line with the schedule set out in annex to decision SC-8/4.

Contact point:

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4. Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

Decision: SC-8/5: Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

Background:

At its seventh meeting, in decision SC-7/5, the Conference of the Parties decided to undertake the further evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) at its ninth meeting, pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B and in accordance with the process set out in the annex to decision SC-6/3 and the revised schedule set out in the annex to decision SC-7/5. The call for information on PFOS, its salts and PFOSF as part of this process will be sent out in November 2017.

In decision SC-8/5, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat the information referred to in paragraphs 4 (a)–(c) of that decision, and as reproduced in the table below, to be used in preparing the next report on the evaluation of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others are invited to submit the following information: (a) Information on the production and use of sulfluramid; (b) Information on local monitoring of releases of PFOS from the use of sulfluramid; (c) Information on research on and the development of safe alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF as stipulated in paragraph 4 (c) of part III of Annex B to the Convention.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please submit information to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	15 February 2018

Contact point:

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5. Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants and guidelines and guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices

Background:

In decision SC-8/6, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and others to submit relevant information to the Secretariat for consideration by the experts on the Toolkit and on best available techniques (BAT) and best environmental practices (BEP) in the review and updating of the Toolkit and of the guidelines and guidance, in accordance with the adopted workplan and terms of reference¹.² It also invited Parties and others to confirm the availability of the current experts in the joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster and to nominate new experts with expertise related to the POPs listed in Annex A, B or C to the Convention to the joint roster.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit information relevant to the review and updating of the Toolkit and BAT and BEP guidelines and guidance to the Secretariat for consideration by the experts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	According to the workplan adopted by decision SC-8/6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 May 2017 for submission of information specified in the workplan²; • 31 July 2018 for submission of comments on draft updated guidance and/or draft new guidance to be made available on the Convention website by 29 June 2018. • 19 October 2018 for submission of comments on revised draft updated guidance and/or draft new guidance to be made available on the Convention website by 28 September 2018.
(b)	Parties and others are invited to confirm the availability of the current experts in the joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster and to nominate new experts to the joint roster.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	The joint Toolkit and BAT and BEP expert roster is open for nominations at all times.

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¹See decision SC-8/6, annexes I and II.

² Relevant information to be submitted includes:

- Information relevant to the identification and quantification of releases of, and on BAT and BEP, relevant to the POPs listed in Annex C, in particular those listed in the Convention since 2009, i.e. pentachlorobenzene, polychlorinated naphthalenes and hexachlorobutadiene;
- Information on BAT and BEP relevant to the POPs listed in Annexes A or B, in particular those listed in the Convention since 2009, i.e. PFOS, its salts and PFOSF, polybrominated diphenyl ethers, hexabromocyclododecane, pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, hexachlorobutadiene, decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins;
- Information relevant to the remediation of contaminated sites.

6. Implementation plans

Decision: SC-8/8: Implementation plans

Background: In decision SC-8/8, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the updated guidance documents and/or newly developed guidance documents relating to the development, reviewing and updating of national implementation plans, as listed in paragraph 4 of decision SC-8/8, and invited Parties to submit comments on the documents and on their experience using them and on how to improve their usefulness.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
<p>Parties and others are invited to provide comments to the Secretariat on the following guidance documents¹:</p> <p>(a) Guidance on developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention (January 2017);</p> <p>(b) Guidance on preparing inventories of PFOS and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (January 2017);</p> <p>(c) Guidance on preparing inventories of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (January 2017);</p> <p>(d) Guidance on socio-economic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention (March 2017);</p> <p>(e) Guidance on the calculation of action plan costs for specific POPs (March 2017);</p> <p>(f) Guidance on the control of the import and export of POPs (April 2017);</p> <p>(g) Guidance on the labelling of products or articles that contain POPs – initial considerations (March 2017);</p> <p>(h) Guidance on the sampling, screening and analysis of persistent organic pollutants in products and articles (March 2017);</p> <p>(i) Guidance on preparing inventories of hexabromocyclododecane (March 2017);</p> <p>(j) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of hexachlorobutadiene;²</p> <p>(k) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of polychlorinated naphthalenes;³</p> <p>(l) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters and on identifying alternatives for the phase-out of those chemicals.⁴</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	<p>Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.</p>	<p>30 June 2018</p>

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¹ The documents listed in paragraphs (a)–(i) are available: <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/2882/Default.aspx>.

² Available as document UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/18 at: <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP8/tabid/5309/Default.aspx>.

³ Available as document UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/19 at: <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP8/tabid/5309/Default.aspx>.

⁴ Available as document UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/20 at: <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP8/tabid/5309/Default.aspx>.

7. Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether

Decision: SC-8/13: Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether

Background:

In decision SC-8/10, the Conference of the Parties decided to amend Annex A to the Convention to list decabromodiphenyl ether therein with specific exemptions. In decision SC-8/13, a process for the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether was agreed to. The process sets out the requests for information as summarized in the table below.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Each Party listed in the register is invited to report to the Secretariat, justifying its need for registration of that exemption.	Each Party listed in the register.	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019
(b)	Each Party listed in the register, as well as observers, is invited to provide to the Secretariat information on: (a) Production; (b) Uses; (c) Efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures; (d) Information on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternatives; (e) Status of control and monitoring capacity; (f) Any national or regional control actions taken.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Party listed in the register • Observers 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019
(c)	All Parties are invited to provide to the Secretariat information on progress made in building the capacity of countries to transfer safely to reliance on alternatives to decabromodiphenyl ether.	All Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019

Contact point:

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8. Review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins

Decision: SC-8/14: Review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins

Background:

In decision SC-8/11, the Conference of the Parties decided to amend Annex A to the Convention to list short-chain chlorinated paraffins therein with specific exemptions. In decision SC-8/14, a process for the review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins was agreed to. The process sets out the requests for information as summarized in the table below.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Each Party listed in the register to report to the Secretariat, justifying its need for registration of that exemption.	Each Party listed in the register.	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019
(b)	Each Party listed in the register, as well as observers, to provide to the Secretariat information on the following: (a) Production; (b) Uses; (c) Efficacy and efficiency of possible control measures; (d) Information on the availability, suitability and implementation of alternatives; (e) Status of control and monitoring capacity; (f) Any national or regional control actions taken;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each Party listed in the register • Observers 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019
(c)	All Parties are invited to provide to the Secretariat information on progress made in building the capacity of countries to transfer safely to reliance on alternatives to short-chain chlorinated paraffins.	All Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019

Contact point:

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9. Financial mechanism

Decision: SC-8/16: Financial mechanism

Background:

In decision SC-8/16, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited developed country Parties, other Parties and other sources to provide to the Secretariat information on ways in which they can provide support for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention, in relation to specific key areas identified in the report on the assessment of funding needs of Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2018–2022.¹

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Developed country Parties are urged to provide information on ways in which they can provide support, including new and additional financial resources, for the implementation of the Stockholm.	Developed country Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	30 September 2018
(b)	Other Parties are invited to provide information on ways in which they can provide support, including financial resources, in accordance with their capabilities, for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention.	Other Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	30 September 2018
(c)	Other sources are invited, including relevant funding institutions and the private sector, to provide information on ways in which they can provide contributions to implementation of the Stockholm Convention.	Other sources, including relevant funding institutions and the private sector.	An online questionnaire will be made available to enable responses to this request.	30 September 2018

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¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/32.

10. Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Decision: SC-8/17: Reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention

Background:

In decision SC-8/17, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, recalled that, in accordance with decision SC-7/23, Parties are to submit to the Secretariat their fourth national report by 31 August 2018. In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to establish a small intersessional working group, operating by electronic means, to develop a manual for completing the updated format for national reporting under Article 15. Parties were invited to consider serving as a lead country and to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are to submit their fourth national reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention.	Parties	Electronic reporting system of the Stockholm Convention, available on the Convention website. ¹	31 August 2018
(b)	Parties are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group for the development of the manual referred to in paragraph 7 of decision SC 8/17.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 July 2017
(c)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country for the development of the manual referred to in paragraph 7 of decision SC 8/17.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 July 2017

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¹ <http://chm.pops.int/Countries/Reporting/ElectronicReportingSystem/tabid/3669/Default.aspx>

11. Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions¹

Decision: SC-8/21: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In decision SC-8/21, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, welcomed the report on the further review of the synergies arrangements², the report on the review of the matrix-based management approach and organization,³ and the report on the review of the proposals set out in the note by the Secretariat on the organization and operation of the part of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat hosted by the FAO to enhance synergies arrangements.⁴ The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties to submit to the Secretariat suggestions for possible further actions to enhance cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties are invited to submit suggestions for possible further actions to enhance cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2018

Contact point:

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¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions adopted similar decisions, as contained in BC-13/18 and RC-8/11, which have been included in the follow-up letters relating to those conventions.

² UNEP/CHW.13/INF/43-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/29-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/46, annex.

³ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/44-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/30-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/47, annex.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/45-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/31-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/48, annex.

12. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes¹

Decision: SC-8/24: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background: In paragraph 6 of decision SC-8/24, the Conference of the Parties emphasized the importance of information provided under each convention by Parties to the Secretariat on the measures that they have adopted in order to implement the conventions and requested the Secretariat to make the information relevant to illegal traffic and trade, if not identified as confidential by Parties involved, available on the website of the conventions without duplication of related requests under each convention.

In paragraph 7 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties, encouraged Parties to two or more of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: (a) To establish, where they do not yet exist, coordinating mechanisms at the national level with a view to facilitating the exchange of information among relevant authorities responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of the chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions, other relevant institutions and the private sector; (b) To review, through those coordinating mechanisms, the lessons learned under each convention that could benefit the implementation and enforcement of the others, and, as appropriate, to adjust their legal and institutional frameworks accordingly.

In paragraph 8 of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties to share, through the Secretariat, their experiences pursuant to paragraph 7 and information on cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes. In paragraph 10 (a) of the decision, the Secretariat was requested to seek comments from Parties and others on further areas, including areas common to two or three conventions in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, and, based on those comments, to prepare a report, including recommendations, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Responde nts	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are invited to provide information under each convention to the Secretariat on the measures relevant to illegal traffic and trade that they have adopted in order to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information by 31 August 2018 in order for it to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
(b)	Parties are invited to share with other Parties, through the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Their experiences pursuant to paragraph 7 of decision BC-13/21, • Information on cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes. 	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information by 31 August 2018 in order for it to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
(c)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on further areas, including areas common to two or three conventions in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision, please submit information by 31 August 2018 in order for it to be included in the report to be prepared by the Secretariat on this issue for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions adopted similar decisions, as contained in BC-13/22 and RC-8/14, which have been included in the follow-up letters relating to those conventions.

13. From science to action¹

Decision: SC-8/25: From science to action

Background:

In decision SC-8/25, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to revise the draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions², and prepare a final draft roadmap with the assistance of up to four experts nominated per United Nations region, working through electronic means, for consideration by the conferences of the parties at their next meetings.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are invited to nominate through their Bureau representatives up to four experts per United Nations region to assist in further revising the draft road map.	Parties through Bureau representatives	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2017
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the revised draft road map to be made available by 30 September 2017.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	28 February 2018

Contact point:

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¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions adopted similar decisions, as contained in BC-13/22 and RC-8/15, which have been included in the follow-up letter relating to those conventions.

² UNEP/CHW.13/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/52, annex I.