

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة · 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 · Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
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Subject: Invitation to submit information on chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants took place on 25-29 April, in Geneva. The Conference of the Parties decided to list technical endosulfan and its related isomers in Annex A to the Convention (decision SC-5/3). The report of the meeting will be available at the Convention's website: <http://www.pops.int/>.

Having amended the Stockholm Convention to list endosulfan in Annex A, the Conference of the Parties decided to undertake a work programme to support the development and deployment of alternatives to endosulfan (decision SC-5/4).

The first step in the work programme is to collect information from Parties and observers on chemical and non-chemical alternatives to endosulfan with respect to the following elements:

- (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.

A form is attached to this letter to facilitate the submission of information. The form will be available on the Convention's website in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian.

Where feasible, please complete the form and give precise references for the data sources. If the information is not readily available in the public literature, you may consider attaching the original source of the information to the submission.

We would be grateful to receive your submission **in English no later than 31 July 2011**. Information in other United Nations official languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish) should be submitted by 15 July 2011.

To: Stockholm Convention official contact points

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Cc: Representatives of permanent missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

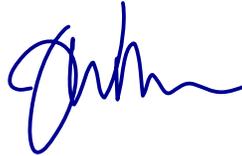
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The information should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, preferably by e-mail:

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If you have any questions regarding this request or you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kei Ohno (e-mail: kohno@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,



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