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Subject: Invitation to review and submit comments on the draft risk profile on perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds and the draft addendum to the risk management evaluation on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

Dear Sir/Madam,

The thirteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention was held from 17 to 20 October 2017 in Rome. The report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/7) is available on the Convention's website: <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/3309/Default.aspx>.

At the meeting, the Committee considered the draft risk management evaluation on dicofol and on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds and adopted decisions POPRC-13/1 and POPRC-13/2, by which it adopted the risk management evaluations (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/7/Add.1, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/7/Add.2) and recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider the following:

- 1) Listing dicofol in Annex A without specific exemptions;
- 2) Listing PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex A or B with specific exemptions.

With regard to PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds, the Committee established a working group to prepare an assessment of further information with the intention of strengthening the recommendation on the listing of the chemicals and invited Parties and observers to provide: 1) information that would assist the possible defining of specific exemptions for production and use of those chemicals; 2) information related to the unintentional formation and release; 3) and information that would assist the further evaluation of the chemical identity.

On the basis of the information submitted by Parties and observers (<http://chm.pops.int/tabid/6174/Default.aspx>), the intersessional working group has prepared a draft assessment for comments by Parties and observers.

Furthermore, having examined the proposal by Norway to list perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annex A, B and/or C and having applied the screening criteria specified in Annex D, the Committee was satisfied that the screening criteria had been fulfilled for PFHxS, established an intersessional working group to prepare a draft risk profile on PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, and invited Parties and observers to submit the information specified in Annex E.

On the basis of the information submitted by Parties and observers (<http://chm.pops.int/tabid/6175/Default.aspx>) the intersessional working group has prepared a draft risk profile for comments by Parties and observers.

All Parties and observers to the Stockholm Convention are invited to review the attached draft assessment of information on PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds and the draft risk profile on PFHxS, its salts and PFHxS-related compounds and submit comments to the Committee by **6 April 2018**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org.

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Yours sincerely,



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