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Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention
Att.: Jim Willis, Executive Secretary
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SUBJECT: Information requested in follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

Dear Mr Jim Willis,

With regard to the information requested in the follow up to the decisions taken by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPs Review Committee) at its eighth session (15-19 October 2012), the Republic of Croatia would like to deliver the following information.

According to the expert institution, Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Antidoping data base, there exists no data on production, placement on the market or use of chlorinated naphthalenes, hexachlorobutadiene, pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, and short-chained chlorinated paraffins.

Also, according to received information from the data base of the Croatian Forest Research Institute there exists no data on the use of the indicated chemicals in Croatian forestry (furthermore, the indicated is accredited through the FSC certificate which guarantees and is proof of sustainable and environmentally acceptable management of Croatian forests and forest land).

Regarding the stated reason we do not possess information to complete the information specified in Annex F for chlorinated naphthalenes and hexachlorobutadiene and additional information relevant to Annex E, in particular, data on sources of emissions such as the production of chlorinated naphthalenes and hexachlorobutadiene and/or unintentional releases. Furthermore, there is no information on the specified from Annex E for pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, and information regarding BDE, PFOS elimination (form-3) and there is no new information for discussion and decision-making on short-chained chlorinated paraffins.

Yours sincerely,

