

SC-5/6: DDT

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of finding safe and effective alternatives to DDT for disease vector control;
2. *Takes note* of the report by the DDT expert group on the assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control;
3. *Concludes* that countries that are relying on DDT for disease vector control may need to continue such use until locally appropriate and cost-effective alternatives are available for a sustainable transition away from DDT;
4. *Adopts* the list of parties to be invited to nominate experts to serve as members of the DDT expert group, for terms of office of four years commencing in September 2011, set out in the annex to the present decision;
5. *Takes note* of the report by the World Health Organization on the assessment of risks arising from DDT use in indoor residual spraying;¹
6. *Notes* the necessity to provide technical, financial and other assistance to developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition to allow for the transfer of knowledge and skills in research into alternative methods, chemicals and non-chemical alternatives to combat malaria and other vector-borne diseases;
7. *Decides* to evaluate the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of scientific, technical, environmental and economic information, including that provided by the DDT expert group and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee as referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9 below, at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties with the objective of accelerating the identification and development of locally appropriate cost-effective and safe alternatives;
8. *Requests* the DDT expert group to undertake an assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of factual information provided by parties and observers and compiled by the Secretariat as referred to in paragraph 10 below;
9. *Requests* the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, beginning at its eighth meeting, to assess the alternatives to DDT in accordance with the general guidance on considerations related to alternatives and substitutes for listed persistent organic pollutants and candidate chemicals on the basis of factual information provided by parties and observers and collected and compiled by the Secretariat as referred to in paragraph 10 below;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat to take active steps to collect and compile the information necessary to facilitate the work of the DDT expert group and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and to enable them to provide guidance to the Conference of the Parties in making the evaluation at its sixth meeting referred to in paragraph 7 above;
11. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the Global Alliance for the Development and Deployment of Products, Methods and Strategies as Alternatives to DDT for Disease Vector Control² and the outcome of the first assembly of the Global Alliance;
12. *Recognizes* that the Secretariat has performed excellent work to date in facilitating the work of the Global Alliance but notes that the Secretariat is limited, both by its mandate and by its resources, which may restrict its ability to implement substantive technical activities effectively;
13. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate a transition of the leadership of the Global Alliance, in a sustainable manner, from the Secretariat to one or more United Nations agencies whose mandate is better suited to the implementation of a major project such as the Global Alliance, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on the progress of the transition;
14. *Invites* the United Nations Environment Programme to take over the administration and implementation of the Global Alliance and to collaborate with the World Health Organization;

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/36.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.5/INF/2.

15. *Urges* parties, relevant Stockholm Convention regional centres, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization and others to continue to collaborate with the Global Alliance to strengthen activities related to chemical and non-chemical alternatives to DDT;

16. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, industry bodies and other stakeholders to provide technical and financial resources to support the work of the Global Alliance;

17. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting on progress made in implementing the present decision.

Annex to decision SC-5/6

List of parties identified by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting to nominate DDT expert group members whose terms of office will commence in September 2011

From the African group

South Africa

Democratic Republic of the Congo

From the Asian and Pacific group

India

China

From the Central and Eastern European group

Romania

Armenia

From the Latin American and Caribbean group

Panama

Paraguay

From the Western European and others group

Parties to be identified by the group
