

V/8. Cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme on
the activities undertaken at the global level on
persistent organic pollutants

The Conference

1. Notes the substantive progress made by the secretariat of the Basel Convention in strengthening cooperation with the Chemicals Division of the United Nations Environment Programme on matters pertaining to persistent organic pollutants;

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2. Further notes the tasks contained in the work programme of the Technical Working Group of relevance to persistent organic pollutants; 1/

3. Requests the secretariat, under the guidance of the Technical Working Group, to continue its cooperation with the Chemicals Division of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and also with other relevant intergovernmental organizations, on the issue of persistent organic pollutants, in particular, with a view, first, to building the capacities of developing countries and other countries in need of such assistance to manage waste persistent organic pollutants in an environmentally sound manner; second, to ensuring efficient use of resources and identifying areas of common interest and opportunities for synergy; third, to providing technical and other guidance to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on persistent organic pollutants, as appropriate; and, fourth, to identifying overlaps and gaps and the means to overcome them;

4. Also requests the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting, as well as to the Technical Working Group, on its cooperation with the Chemicals Division of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and also with other intergovernmental organizations, on issues related to persistent organic pollutants.