

VI/23. Preparation of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants as waste

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision V/26 on the work programme of the Technical Working Group,

Welcoming the progress in the preparation of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants as waste and the effective cooperation taking place with the interim Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Also welcoming the initiative taken by Canada to revise the technical guidelines on polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polychlorinated terphenyls (PCTs) and polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs),

1. Encourages the Open-ended Working Group to complete the preparation of the technical guidelines in 2003 for adoption by the Open-ended Working Group on an interim basis;
2. Requests the Open-ended Working Group to finalize the technical guidelines and submit them for consideration and eventual adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
3. Also requests the Open-ended Working Group to consider any measures necessary to finalize the preparation of the technical guidelines;
4. Further requests the Open-ended Working Group to continue and reinforce its cooperation with the appropriate subsidiary bodies of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to ensure consistency in implementation and mutual support between the Basel and Stockholm Conventions.