

SC-1/13: Effectiveness evaluation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the need for a strategic and cost-effective approach, and building on existing human health and environmental monitoring programmes to the extent possible, with the aim of providing appropriate and sufficient data for the effectiveness evaluation of the Convention,

Recognizing the need to establish a mechanism to consider national reports received pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention and non-compliance information obtained pursuant to Article 17 from the Secretariat, and global human health and environmental monitoring data for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the Convention,

1. *Agrees* to initiate arrangements to provide itself with comparable monitoring data on which to base its evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention analysing among other possibilities the proposed annex II to the note by the Secretariat on effectiveness evaluation;¹

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to make use of existing monitoring programmes and datasets where possible in providing the Conference of the Parties with comparable monitoring data;

3. *Invites* relevant organizations to collaborate in the above arrangements with a view to making monitoring data available for evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to field test the arrangements set out in paragraph 1 above on a national or regional basis subject to available funding, and report the results of the field test to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to develop a background scoping paper for a global monitoring plan for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, which includes the following elements:

- (a) Assessment of existing human health and environmental datasets;
- (b) Identification of regional data gaps;
- (c) Assessment of the applicability of existing monitoring programmes within regions as a platform for the global programme;
- (d) Priorities to implement the plan;
- (e) Cost estimates for options to implement recommended priorities.