

## SC-5/9: Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the work by the Secretariat to support parties in implementing the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;
2. *Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention, with regard to the chemicals newly listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-4/10–SC-4/18 and SC-5/3:
  - (a) To establish the levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for those chemicals necessary to ensure that the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants as specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention are not exhibited;
  - (b) To determine what they consider to be the methods that constitute environmentally sound disposal referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention;
  - (c) To work to establish, as appropriate, the concentration levels of those chemicals in order to define the low persistent organic pollutant content referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention;
  - (d) To update, if needed, the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and to prepare or update specific technical guidelines developed under the Basel Convention, taking into account the information referred to in paragraph 5 below where appropriate;
3. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to consider the involvement of experts working under the Stockholm Convention, including members and observers of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, in the work referred to in paragraph 2 above;
4. *Also invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to inform the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, through the Executive Secretary, on the outcomes of the work referred to in paragraph 2 above;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to make the documents referred to in paragraphs 2 (a)–(c) of decision POPRC-6/3,<sup>1</sup> the recommendations on the elimination of brominated diphenyl ethers from the waste stream and on risk reduction for perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, as set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2, and annex II to document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13 available to the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention to support their work;
6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue to support parties in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate releases from stockpiles and wastes, including in relation to the chemicals newly listed in Annexes A, B and C to the Convention, subject to the availability of resources;
7. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to provide financial support for the activities to support parties in implementing the wastes-related provisions of the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/2/Rev.1, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/INF/5, UNEP/POPS/POPRC.6/13, annex I and decision POPRC-6/2.