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PRACTICES
Second session
Villarrica, Chile, 8-12 December 2003

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA¹

Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The second session² of the Expert Group on Best Available Techniques (BAT) and Best Environmental Practices (BEP) of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants will be held from 8 to 12 December 2003 at the Villarrica Park Lake Hotel, Villarrica, Chile. The session will be opened at 9 a.m. on Monday, 8 December 2003.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Practical arrangements

3. The Secretariat will provide a brief explanation of the practical arrangements for the session.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Expert Group has before it the scenario note for the session (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/1) prepared by the Co-chairs of the Expert Group, Mr. Robert Kellam (U.S.A) and Mr. Sergio Vives (Chile), and the note by the Secretariat on a tentative schedule for the week (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/2). The Co-chairs will provide an explanation of how they expect the work of the session to progress over the course of the week.

¹ This document has not been formally edited.

² In the terminology used by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee “meeting” refers a block of time a group meets without a major break (e.g., lunch). The Expert Group, for example, is expected to have each day a morning meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and an afternoon meeting from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. “Session” refers to the full set of meetings held over a series of days.

(c) Report by the Secretariat on intersession work requested by the Expert Group

5. The Secretariat will provide a verbal report on progress made in completing the work requested of it by the Expert Group at its first session that was held from 10 to 14 March 2003 in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, U.S.A.

Item 3: Development of guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices relevant to the provisions of Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

(a) Scope of work of the Expert Group

6. Although discussions on the form and nature of the guidance took place during the first session on the basis of document UNEP/POPS/EGB.1/2, the Expert Group did not resolve the issues. It did, however, agree to the inclusion of a possible structure of guidance on BEP and guidelines on BAT contained in annex A of the report of the first session of the Expert Group, UNEP/POPS/EGB.1/4, which is also available in languages as UNEP/POPS/INC.7/6.

8. The Expert Group has before it the note by the secretariat on possible elements of guidance on BEP and guidelines on BAT (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/2). The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

9. The Expert Group has before the submission on consolidation of resource documents (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/3) the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Juan Carlos Colombo (Argentina). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider possible action.

(b) Overview of consideration of alternatives in the application of BAT

10. The Expert Group has before it the submission on consideration of alternatives in the application of BAT (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/4) the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Jack Weinberg (International POPs Elimination Network). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information provided in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to consideration of alternatives in the application of BAT.

(c) Development of guidelines and guidance by source categories

11. For each source category listed in Part II and Part III of Annex C of the Stockholm Convention to be discussed, the Expert Group may wish to consider: what guidelines and guidance are available; what type of guidelines and guidance would be needed; what commonalities are inherent to these processes that may allow for the establishment of specific guidelines to operate these processes with minimal release of unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants; what parameters exist for measuring success in meeting guidelines where actual measurement may not be necessary; and what type of guidance could be developed for consideration by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its first meeting.

12. Production of pulp using elemental chlorine or chemicals generating elemental chlorine for bleaching: The Expert Group has before it the submission on pulp and paper (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/5), the preparation of which was coordinated by Ms. Hille Hyttiä (Finland). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it.

13. Open burning of wastes, including burning of landfill sites: The Expert Group has before it the submission on open burning of waste (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/6), the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Francis Njuguna Kihumba (Kenya). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it.
14. Thermal processes in the metallurgical industry: The Expert Group has before it the submission on secondary copper smelting, iron sintering, secondary zinc smelting, secondary aluminium smelting, secondary lead smelting, primary aluminium production and magnesium production (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/7), the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Patrick Finlay (Canada). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it. The Expert Group may also wish to discuss whether other categories in metallurgical industry should be included in the guidance.
15. Cement kilns firing hazardous wastes: The Expert Group has before it the submission on cement kilns firing hazardous waste (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/8), the preparation of which was coordinated by Ms. Steffi Richter (Germany). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it.
16. Waste incinerators/medical waste incineration: The Expert Group has before it the submission on incineration of medical wastes (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/9), the preparation of which was coordinated by Ms. Susana Eberhartinger (Austria). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it.
17. Waste incinerators/municipal and other waste incineration: The Expert Group has before it the submission on incineration of municipal waste (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/10), the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Robert Kellam (U.S.A). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it. The Expert Group may also wish to discuss possible actions regarding other the incineration of wastes other than medical or municipal wastes.
18. Chemical production: The Expert Group has before it the submission on chemical manufacturing (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2/INF/11), the preparation of which was coordinated by Mr. Bill Carroll (International Council of Chemical Associations). The coordinator will be invited to introduce the submission. The Expert Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the submission and discuss possible action with regard to it.
19. The Expert Group may wish to discuss possible action with regard to those source categories that were not considered in the above. These source categories are: residential combustion sources; fossil-fuel fired utilities and industrial boilers; firing installations for wood and other biomass fuels; crematoria; motor vehicles, particularly those burning leaded gasoline; destruction of animal carcasses; textile and leather dyeing (with chloranil) and finishing (with alkaline extraction); shredder plants for the treatment of end of life vehicles; smouldering copper cables; and waste oil refineries.

Item 4: Preparation for the next session

20. The Expert Group may wish to identify suitable dates and a venue for its next session.
21. Based on the discussions under item 3, the Expert Group will determine the overall process and schedule for the completion of work for consideration at its next session.

Item 5: Other matters

22. The Expert Group may wish to consider other matters raised by participants in the course of the session.

Item 6: Adoption of the report

23. The Expert Group will be invited to consider and adopt, with any amendments, the report of the work of its first session as prepared by the Co-chairs.

Item 7: Closure of the session

24. It is expected that the session will be closed by the Co-chairs by 4 p.m. on Friday, 12 December 2003.
