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**Slovak comments** on the Annex "Possible elements of guidance on BEP and guidelines on BAT"

This list of possible elements of guidance on BEP and guidelines on BAT (UNEP/POPS/EGB.2.2) is an important basis for the preservation of the environment and of human health and for individual measures through which the reducing of the negative environmental impact we will be able to ensure.

We agree with this document and believe that the adoption of this key elements will accelerate the implementation requested provisions in Slovakia.

In Slovakia there are two international projects to help us to be prepared to implement the Stockholm Convention on POPs:

1. "Initial assistance to the SR to meet its obligations under the Stockholm Convention on POPs"
2. "Demonstration of Viability and Removal of Barriers that Impede Adoption and Effective Implementation of Available, Non-combustion Technologies".

Note 1:

By the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open-ended working group in October 2003 in Geneva was approved new project "Regional approach for the environmentally sound management of POPs as waste in selected CEE countries". This project will be managed by Ecotoxicological Centre Slovakia. On May 26 – 30 2004 will be held in Bratislava the regional workshop for the preparation of this project.

We are also involved in the electronic discussion on the level European Commission about the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on POPs amending Council Directives 79/117 + 96/59.

We try to ensure to review and update our national implementation plan by the 1. Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on POPs.

Note 2:

We suggest to provide also "common vocabulary" necessary to allow a uniform implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs

Note 23.

We would like to call attention to point I.C. and II.E. in Annex of this draft discussion document with regard the accordance with the European Waste Catalogue on waste (Commission Decision 2000/532/EC as amended by following Commission Decisions 2001/118/EC, 2001/119/EC and 2001/573/EC.

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