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INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT
FOR IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL ACTION ON
CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
Fourth meeting
Bonn, 20-25 March 2000
Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: REPORT ON INTERSESSIONAL WORK
REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE

Information received from Governments regarding possible
specific exemptions from the prohibition or elimination
of the production or use of the 10 intentionally
produced persistent organic pollutants: aldrin,
chlordane, dieldrin, DDT, endrin, heptachlor,
hexachlorobenzene, mirex, polychlorinated
biphenyls and toxaphene:

Text of responses

Note by the secretariat

1. As noted in UNEP/POPS/INC.4/INF/2, the secretariat has the honour to transmit to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in the annex to the present note, responses received from Governments as of 31 December 1999 to its note verbale transmitted in October 1999. This note verbale requested information from Governments regarding possible specific exemptions to paragraphs 1 and 2 of article D of the draft text of an international legally binding instrument for implementing international action on certain persistent organic pollutants, as contained in annex II to the report of the third session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (UNEP/POPS/INC.3/4).

* UNEP/POPS/INC.4/1.

2. Responses have been received from the following Governments: Armenia, Australia, Bahrain, Barbados, China, Comoros, Costa Rica, Ecuador, European Union (Finland on behalf of), Gambia, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritius, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, St. Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, United States of America. The information is provided as submitted by the Governments that responded and has not been formally edited.

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