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CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Work on DDT **

Note by the secretariat

1. The production and use of DDT is to be eliminated except for Parties that have notified the Secretariat of their intention to produce or use it in accordance with the provisions of Annex B of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (Paragraph 1 of Part II of Annex B). Paragraph 4 of Part II of Annex B states “Every three years, each Party that uses DDT shall provide to the Secretariat and the World Health Organization information on the amount used, the conditions of such use and its relevance to that Party’s disease management strategy, in a format to be decided by the Conference of the Parties in consultation with the World Health Organization.”

2. Paragraph 6 of Part II of Annex B states “Commencing at its first meeting, and at least every three years thereafter, the Conference of the Parties shall, in consultation with the World Health Organization, evaluate the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information, including:

- (a) The production and use of DDT and the conditions set out in paragraph 2;
- (b) The availability, suitability and implementation of the alternatives to DDT;
- (c) Progress in strengthening the capacity of countries to transfer safely to reliance on such alternatives.”

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** Stockholm Convention, Annex B, Part II, paragraphs 4, 5 and 6; Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention, resolution 1, paragraph 4.

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3. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention, in paragraph 4 of its Resolution 1, invited the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee “to focus its efforts during the interim period on those activities required or encouraged by the Convention that will facilitate the rapid entry into force and effective implementation of the Convention upon its entry into force, including, for consideration by the Conference of Parties, the development of ... work on DDT in accordance with paragraph 6 of Part II of Annex B” (Appendix I of UNEP/POPS/CONF/4).

Possible Action by the Committee

4. The Committee may wish to consider establishing a process to:

(a) Develop the format for reporting by the Parties required under paragraph 4 of Part II of Annex B for consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Develop guidance and collect information to assist the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting in evaluating the continued need for DDT for vector control as required under paragraph 6 of Part II of Annex B.

5. The Committee may also wish to:

(a) Take note of the World Health Organization “Action Plan for the Reduction of Reliance on DDT in Disease Vector Control” contained in document UNEP/POPS/INC.6/INF/3;

(b) Invite the World Health Organization to participate actively in any process that the Committee may establish to complete the work referred to in paragraph 4 above.
