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CERTAIN PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

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Preparations for the Conference of the Parties

**DRAFT FINANCIAL RULES FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES,
ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND THE CONVENTION SECRETARIAT****

Note by the secretariat

1. At its sixth session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee considered the draft financial rules for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat, which it referred to its legal drafting group for a first reading. As indicated in paragraph 171 of the report of the session, some issues were noted for review at the seventh session of the Committee and were highlighted in square brackets. The Chair of the legal drafting group expressed the wish to have the assistance of a financial officer in the group during its second reading of the rules before referring them to the Committee for consideration at its seventh session.
2. The draft financial rules for the Conference of the Parties, its subsidiary bodies and the Convention secretariat, as reviewed by the legal drafting group, were given as annex IV to document UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22. The secretariat is pleased to refer those draft rules to the Committee at its seventh session for review of the issues highlighted in square brackets, as indicated in paragraph 1 above.
3. The secretariat will ensure that a financial officer is present in the legal drafting group to assist in discussions on this item.

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** See Stockholm Convention, article 19, paragraph 4; Conference of the Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention, resolution 1, paragraph 4; report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), paragraphs 165 to 172 and annex IV.

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