

Comments and responses on the guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on POPs¹

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Canada	Could develop content regarding needs assessments	Decision SC-5/22 of May 2011 drew attention to the important link between NIPs and needs assessments. While we recognize that the document presents the needs assessment reporting format in the final annex to the guidance, we would suggest that a greater emphasis be placed on needs assessments within the body of the document.	Text inserted in the guidance to address this issue.
Mexico		We consider that the guidance to develop, update and review NIPs will be of great help, however, we believe that a successful implementation of the NIP and its action plans is complex. It depends on the institutional capacity, high political support and stakeholders' commitment and also it depends on assigning the adequate resources. ²	
Monaco		We don't have significant experience in using them and how to improve their usefulness in order to provide comments on this document.	
UK		With reference to the third (3) request for comments on the revised/updated and additional guidance on implementation plans, I regret that we have been unable to consult widely and can only offer our comments in respect of our experience of having recently prepared the UK's second National Implementation Plan. In this respect the documents provide the appropriate level of detail to guide the administrative, resource and technical needs which need to be considered to set up the structures necessary for effective implementation of the requirements of the Stockholm Convention. Both the strategic governance and practical implementation needs are well covered. The importance of stakeholder engagement is usefully stressed, as is the need for appropriate application of project management	

¹ Decision SC-6/12 requests the Secretariat, subject to availability of resources, to integrate parties' comments into the guidance.

² The paragraph was translated by the Secretariat, no official translation was made.

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		tools. It is clear that advanced as well as developing economies can benefit from the content which provides useful reference material at the heart of which is the importance of considering local circumstances/resources when developing and implementing compliance requirements.	