

POPRC-6/7: Support for the effective participation of the parties in the Committee's work

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Recalling that, at its fourth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requested the Secretariat of the Convention to continue work to support and strengthen the capacity of developing-country parties or parties with economies in transition to participate fully in the Committee's work,

Noting that the following activities have been implemented:

(a) Publication of the pocket guide, a concise version of the handbook for effective participation in the work of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, in the six official languages of the United Nations;

(b) Organization of two regional workshops jointly with the secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, in Cairo and Mexico City in November 2009 and June 2010 respectively, to bring together the members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and those of the Chemical Review Committee,

1. *Invites* the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention to continue its activities related to providing support for the effective participation of the parties in the Committee's work, subject to the availability of resources, including;

(a) Enhancement of the capacity of developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition to identify and develop a national-level knowledge base on candidate and potential persistent organic pollutants;

(b) Support, in collaboration with interested parties, in proposing chemicals for listing under the Convention, including, for example, assistance in developing the proposal and assessing data;

(c) Development of tools to evaluate the impact of the activities undertaken to support the effective participation of the parties in the Committee's work, including, for example, the development of questionnaires;

(d) Organization of regional and national workshops to improve access to technical and scientific information, including, for example, provision of curricula with practical case studies that allow and encourage replicability;

2. *Encourages* past and present Committee members to disseminate information about the Committee's work and share their expert knowledge at the national and subregional levels through, for example, regional centres, regional networks and reporting at relevant workshops;

3. *Invites* the Secretariat to enhance the United Nations Campaign for Responsibility on Hazardous Chemicals and Wastes so that it reaches all stakeholders, including the general public and young people, to increase their awareness of issues related to chemicals which might be identified as persistent organic pollutants;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to disseminate guidance documents such as those on substitutes and alternatives;

5. *Invites* parties and observers in a position to do so to contribute to the Committee's work and to provide financial support for the implementation of activities in support of effective participation by parties in that work.
