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Subject: Invitation to review and provide comments on the draft risk management evaluation for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The tenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention took place from 27 to 30 October 2014, in Rome. The report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/10) is available on the Convention's website: http://chm.pops.int.

In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee examined the risk profile for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE). The Committee decided that decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE) is likely, as a result of its long-range environmental transport, to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted and that the Committee should proceed with the development of a risk management evaluation for that chemical.

In accordance with paragraph 7 (a) of Article 8 of the Convention, the Committee invited parties and observers to submit information specified in Annex F of the Convention and an intersessional working group prepared the attached draft risk management evaluation for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE). The risk management evaluation, together with the risk profile for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaBDE), will be used by the Committee as the basis for its recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on whether that chemical should be considered for listing in Annexes A, B, and/or C of the Convention.

You are invited to review the attached draft risk management evaluation for decabromodiphenyl ether (commercial mixture, c-decaDBE) and to submit your comments to the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee no later than **8 May 2015**.

To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points Stockholm Convention National Focal Points

Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: poprc@brsmeas.org and mario.yarto@brsmeas.org.

Should this not be possible please send hard copies to:

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If you have any questions regarding this invitation or would like to receive hard copies of documents from the Committee, please contact Mr. Mario Yarto (email: mario.yarto@brsmeas.org; telephone: +41 22 9178831).

Yours sincerely,

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