

**Stockholm Convention
on Persistent Organic
Pollutants**

Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee**Thirteenth meeting**

Rome, 17–20 October 2017

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work**Annotations to the provisional agenda****Item 1****Opening of the meeting**

1. The thirteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, from 17 to 20 October 2017. The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Estefania Moreira (Brazil), at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. In accordance with its terms of reference, the Committee will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. to review issues pertaining to conflicts of interest.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2**Organizational matters****(a) Adoption of the agenda**

3. The Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee will have before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/2).
5. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups, as necessary, and specify their mandates.

Item 3**Rotation of the membership**

6. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the newly appointed Committee members and forthcoming rotation of the membership (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/1.

Item 4

Review of the outcomes of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants relevant to the work of the Committee

7. The eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention was held in Geneva from 24 April to 5 May 2017, back to back with the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. The outcomes of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention relevant to the work of the Committee are described in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/4. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided and consider any further action.

Item 5

Technical work

(a) Consideration of draft risk management evaluations

(i) Dicofol

8. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on a draft risk management evaluation on dicofol (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/2) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation on dicofol (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/5). The chair of the intersessional working group on dicofol will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and in the presentation and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/2.

(ii) Pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (CAS No: 335-67-1, PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

9. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on a draft risk management evaluation on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid (CAS No: 335-67-1, PFOA, perfluorooctanoic acid), its salts and PFOA-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/3); on supporting information related to the draft risk management evaluation on pentadecafluorooctanoic acid, its salts and PFOA-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/6 and UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/6/Add.1); and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/7). The chair of the intersessional working group on PFOA, its salts and PFOA-related compounds will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and in the presentation and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/3.

(b) Consideration of a proposal for the inclusion of perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention

10. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on a proposal to list perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (CAS No: 355-46-4, PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/4) and on the Secretariat's verification of whether the proposal contains the information specified in Annex D (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/8). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/4.

(c) Process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention

11. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the process for the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/5) and draft terms of reference for the assessment of alternatives to PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/9). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/5.

Item 6

Report on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee

12. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/10/Rev.1). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note.

Item 7

Workplan for the intersessional period between the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Committee

13. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on a draft workplan for the preparation of risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between the thirteenth and fourteenth meetings of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/6). The Committee may wish to consider the draft workplan and adopt it with any amendments.

Item 8

Venue and date of the fourteenth meeting of the Committee

14. The Committee may wish to consider and decide on the venue and date of its fourteenth meeting.

Item 9

Other matters

15. The Committee may wish to consider reviewing the outlines for risk profiles¹ and risk management evaluations² with a view to ensuring conformity with document length and translation requirements. The outlines have been reproduced in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.13/INF/11. The Committee may wish to consider any other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting.

Item 10

Adoption of the report

16. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 11

Closure of the meeting

17. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Friday, 20 October 2017.

¹ UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10, annex IV.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/20, annex II.