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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference
of the Parties: measures to reduce or eliminate release
from unintentional production: identification
and quantification of releases**

**Standardized toolkit for identification and quantification of
dioxin and furan releases****

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an Internationally Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants, in paragraph 1 of its decision INC-7/5, took note of the revised version of the standardized toolkit for identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases (the “Toolkit”), as contained in document UNEP/POPS/INC.7/INF/14, as the guidance for undertaking the release reporting pursuant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Paragraph 2 of the decision invited Governments and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 March 2004, comments on the Toolkit, as well as information and methodologies on other chemicals under Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention. Paragraph 3 of the decision requested the Secretariat, taking into account the comments and information received, to prepare a further revised version of the Toolkit for submission to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that it should be made available prior to the meeting, in sufficient time to allow adequate consideration.
2. In response to paragraph 2 of decision INC-7/5, 30 submissions were received from Governments and non-governmental organizations. Those submissions are compiled in document UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/9.
3. In response to paragraph 3 of decision INC-7/5 and taking into account the submissions referred to in paragraph 2 above, UNEP Chemicals, in consultation with the Secretariat, prepared the second

* UNEP/POPS/COP.1/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 5 and Annex C; Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the work of its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), annex I, decision INC-6/4; Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the work of its seventh session (UNEP/POPS/INC.7/28), annex I, decision INC-7/5.

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edition of the Toolkit, which is set forth in document UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/8. To explain how the submissions were incorporated into the second edition, UNEP Chemicals prepared the responses to comments which are given in document UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/10.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

4. The Conference of the Parties may wish to:
 - (a) Welcome the issuance of the second edition of the Toolkit set forth in document UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/8;
 - (b) Thank all contributors for their input, which made the updated edition of the Toolkit possible;
 - (c) Endorse the Toolkit as the guidance for undertaking release reporting pursuant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and as a methodology for national implementation plans for compiling national dioxin (PCDD) and furan (PCDF) release inventories;
 - (d) Note that present data and information are not sufficient to prepare similar Toolkits for the remaining two unintentionally formed persistent organic pollutants listed in Annex C of the Convention, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and hexachlorobenzene (HCB).
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