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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

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Heads of delegation at second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

CC: Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Subject: Follow up to the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its second meeting

Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to inform you that at its second meeting held in Geneva from 1 to 5 May 2006, the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants agreed on the decisions contained in Annex I of the report of the meeting, document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30. The report is available for viewing and downloading at the Convention's website: www.pops.int. Many of the decisions included invitations to Parties and others to provide information.

This letter is to solicit information requested in the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties. To facilitate response, attached are the individual requests organized according to the decision. Information regarding each decision can be submitted separately, particularly since their deadlines for submissions vary.

Please let David Ogden of the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention know if you have any questions. He can be contacted at tel.: +41-22-917-8190, fax: +41-22-797-3460, or E-mail: ssc@pops.int.

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Request 1

Decision: SC-2/5: Ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases

Request:

- Provision of data and information to assist in the process for review and further development of the Toolkit (See paragraph 5 of decision SC-2/5);
- To included in their measurement and monitoring programmes the determination of mass concentrations of not only PCDD/PCDF but also of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) and to provide that information to the Secretariat; (See paragraph 6 of decision SC-2/5).

Respondents:

- Parties
- Others (including non-Party States; intergovernmental organizations; and non-governmental organizations).

Deadline for submissions:

- 31 September 2006 (for existing information)
- upon becoming available (for new information)

Submit information to:

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Request 2

Decision: SC-2/9: Technical assistance (paragraph 1)

Information requested:

- Information on their experiences **in the provision** of technical assistance and transfer of technology according to the guidance on technical assistance in decision SC-1/15 to developing countries in order to assist implementation of their respective national implementation plans and other obligations under the Convention.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Others (including non-Party States; intergovernmental organizations; and non-governmental organizations).

Deadline for submissions: 31 December 2006

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Request 3

Decision: SC-2/9: Technical assistance (paragraph 4)

Information requested:

- In the context of the mandate given to the Secretariat in paragraph 4 of decision SC-2/9 your Government/organization is invited to communicate its **views on the key elements to be included in the the terms of reference for the process of selecting regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology** for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting.

Respondents:

- Stockholm Convention focal points
- Existing regional and subregional centres and their host organizations

Deadline for submissions: 31 October 2006

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Request 4

Decision: SC-2/12: Terms of reference for work on modalities on the needs assessment for Parties that are developing countries or Parties with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010 (paragraph 5)

Information requested:

- On the basis of the above-mentioned terms of reference,¹ Parties and other Governments, are invited to submit to the Secretariat **views on the further elaboration of the terms of reference for work on assessment of funding needs** for Parties that are developing countries or Parties with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Other Governments

Deadline for submissions: 31 October 2006

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¹ The reference is to paragraph 1 of the decision by which the Conference adopted the terms of reference set forth in the annex to the decision for work on modalities on the needs assessment.

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Request 5

Decision: SC-2/12: Terms of reference for work on modalities on the needs assessment for Parties that are developing countries or Parties with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010 (paragraph 3)

Information requested:

Information needed for the work on preliminary assessment of funding needs² for developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006-2010:

- Information on identified initial funding needs for the implementation of the obligations under the Stockholm Convention as identified in the national implementation plan pursuant to Article 7.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Other Governments
- GEF and other international financial institutions
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Non-governmental organizations
- Secretariat of multilateral environmental agreements

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² See terms of reference contained in annex to decision SC-2/12

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Request 6

Decision: SC-2/16: Official communications with Parties and observers (paragraph 1)

Information requested:

The Conference of the Parties: *Invites* Parties to nominate to the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention official contact points for the performance of administrative functions and all formal communications under the Convention through their United Nations Environment Programme official contact points or their diplomatic missions.

The form for doing so is attached.

Respondents:

- Parties

Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2006

Submit information to:

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Request 7

Decision: SC-2/16: Official communications with Parties and observers (paragraph 4)

Information requested:

The Conference of the Parties: *Invites* non-Party States to nominate, should they wish to do so, contact points for communications concerning matters pertaining to the Convention.

The form for doing so is attached.

Respondents:

- Non-Party States

Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2006

Submit information to:

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Request 8

Decision: SC-2/17: Clearing-house mechanism

Information requested:

- Comments on the draft prepared by the Secretariat of a strategic plan for establishing procedures for the clearing-house mechanism contained in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/8³; and
- Information exchange needs and priorities for the period 2008–2011, taking into account Convention obligations as well as planned information exchange activities and projects for that same period.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Others (including non-Party States; intergovernmental organizations; and non-governmental organizations).

Deadline for submissions: 31 October 2006

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3 UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/8 (available at:
http://www.pops.int/documents/meetings/cop_2/meetingdocs/English/INF8%20K0650796%20COP2-INF8.doc