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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:
Reporting**

**Cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting
pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention****

Note by the Secretariat

1. Paragraph 1 of Article 15 of the Stockholm Convention requires each Party to report to the Conference of the Parties on the measures it has taken to implement the provisions of the Convention and on the effectiveness of such measures in meeting the objectives of the Convention. Paragraph 2 of the Article sets forth the information to be reported, and paragraph 3 stipulates that reporting must be carried out at periodic intervals and in a format to be decided by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.
2. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision SC-1/22 on Party reporting, timing and format, decided that in accordance with Article 15 of the Convention, each Party shall submit its first report by 31 December 2006 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting.
3. In that same decision, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare a cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.
4. In preparing the cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention, the Secretariat has taken into the following into account:
 - (a) The deadline of 31 December 2006 by which Parties, pursuant to Article 15, must submit their first reports to the Secretariat;
 - (b) The format for reporting pursuant to Article 15 set forth in the annex to decision SC-1/22;

* UNEP/POPS/COP.2/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Articles 15, 16 and 20; report of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/22.

(c) The provision in paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 that the Secretariat shall prepare and make available to the Parties periodic reports based on information received pursuant to Article 15 and other available information;

(d) The provision in paragraph 3 of Article 16 that the effectiveness of the Convention shall be evaluated on the basis, among other things, of national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15.

5. The cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 is set forth in the annex to the present note.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

6. The Conference of the Parties may wish:

(a) To take note of the cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention;

(b) To request the Secretariat to develop an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention and make it available to Parties no later than 30 September 2006, in time to be used by Parties when preparing their first reports pursuant to Article 15;

(c) To invite Parties and others in a position to do so to provide the necessary funding to develop the electronic system for reporting.

Annex

Cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention

Budget component and any subcomponents		Year 2006 (in US\$)
10	Personnel	
1200	Consultants	36,070
1320	Temporary assistance	9,230
1600	Staff travel on official business	
20	Subcontracts	
30	Training/ Participants' travel	
40	Equipment¹ and premises	In-kind contribution from UNEP
50	Miscellaneous²	18,750
Subtotal		64,050
UNEP administration fee (13%)		8,327
Total in US\$		72,377

¹ "Equipment" includes software, licenses, etc.

² "Miscellaneous" includes development, translation and publication of a user manual.