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**Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm
Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
Second meeting**
Geneva, 1–5 May 2006

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will be held from 1 to 5 May 2006 at the Geneva International Conference Centre, 15 rue de Varembé, Geneva. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 1 May 2006.
2. The President elected at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Mr. Mariano Arana (Uruguay), will preside until the Conference of the Parties has elected a new President.
3. Welcoming announcements will be made.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

4. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on election of officers (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/2). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.
5. Subject to the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties will elect its President and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall also act as Rapporteur.
6. Upon election, the term of office of the newly-elected President will commence immediately and that person will preside in accordance with the rules of procedure. The terms of office of the newly-elected Vice-Presidents will commence upon the closure of the meeting.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

7. Subject to the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt its agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/POPS.COP.2/1.

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(c) Organization of work

8. The Conference of the Parties has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/1).
9. The Conference of the Parties may wish to establish a committee of the whole and such other standing and ad hoc subsidiary bodies as it may deem necessary, and to specify their mandates.
10. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide to meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

Item 3: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies

11. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure for the Conference (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/3). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

Item 4: Report on the credentials of representatives to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties

12. Rule 19 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers must be submitted to the Secretariat, if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of a delegation must also be submitted to the Secretariat. Credentials must be issued either by a head of State or Government, or by a minister for foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. If a delegation submits credentials prior to the meeting by copy or by fax, it should submit the original upon registration. Submission of credentials prior to the meeting would greatly facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.
13. Representatives of Parties may participate in the meeting pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties on their credentials.
14. The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the Parties at the meeting and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties, which will consider the report of the Bureau.

Item 5: Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties

15. The Conference of the Parties will consider several subitems under this agenda item. The subitems are listed below in the order in which they appear in the text of the Stockholm Convention and not necessarily in order of priority for consideration by the Conference. They will be taken up according to the priorities set forth in the scenario note (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/1), starting with the primary objectives listed therein.

(a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use

(i) DDT

16. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and alternative strategies to replace DDT (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/4); on information from selected countries on DDT data collection and reporting processes (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/2); on the proposal for reporting and evaluating the use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/3); and on a study group report on malaria vector control and personal protection (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/4), which provides information on the effectiveness of alternative interventions. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/4.

(ii) Exemptions

17. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on criteria for the review process for entries in the register of specific exemptions (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/5). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

18. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on matters pertaining to notes (ii) and (iii) in Annex A and notes (ii) and (iii) in Annex B of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/6). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production

(i) Best available techniques and best environmental practices

19. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/7) and the report of the Expert Group on Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/EGBATBEP.1/5). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and the report and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/7.

(ii) Identification and quantification of releases

20. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/8) and on the second edition of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/5 and INF/11). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/8.

21. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on a proposal for the ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/9). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes

22. The Conference has before it a note by the Secretariat on cooperation with the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/6). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the note.

(d) Implementation plans

23. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on guidance for implementation plans (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/10) and on guidance for developing national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/7). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/10.

24. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on further elaboration of the process of reviewing and updating national implementation plans (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/11). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

25. The Conference of the Parties has before it also a note by the Secretariat on implementation plans submitted to the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/29). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(e) Listing chemicals in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention

26. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee concerning relevant developments for action by the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/12) and the report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and the report and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/12.

(f) Information exchange

27. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the clearing-house mechanism for information exchange on persistent organic pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/13) and on a first draft of a strategic plan for establishing a clearing-house mechanism under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/8). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/13.

(g) Technical assistance

28. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on guidance on technical assistance (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/14). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

29. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/15) and on views submitted on the terms of reference of the regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/17). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/15.

(h) Financial resources

30. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/16). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

31. The Conference of the Parties also has before it a note by the Secretariat on the report of the Global Environment Facility on its activities in support of the implementation of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/28). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

32. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the first review of the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/17) and on a draft report on the review of the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/9). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/17.

33. The Conference of the Parties also has before it a note by the Secretariat on draft terms of reference for work on modalities on the assessment of the needs of Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition with regard to implementing the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010 (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/18). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(i) Reporting

34. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on a cost estimate for developing an electronic system for reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/19). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

35. The Conference of the Parties also has before it a note by the Secretariat on a draft format for reporting on polychlorinated biphenyls under the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/20). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(j) Effectiveness evaluation

36. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/21), on existing human health and environment monitoring programmes (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/10) and on a draft plan for regional field testing of arrangements for providing comparable data for use in the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/15). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/21.

(k) Non-compliance

37. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on procedures and institutional mechanisms for determining non-compliance with the provisions of the Convention and for the treatment of Parties found to be in non-compliance (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/27). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

38. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it the report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Non-Compliance on the work of its meeting on 28 and 29 April 2006. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the report.

(l) Liability and redress

39. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on liability and redress (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/23). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

Item 6: Activities of the Secretariat and adoption of the budget

40. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on location of the Secretariat in Geneva (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/22). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider possible action suggested therein.

41. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on the activities of the Secretariat and the budget adopted by the Conference of the Parties for 2006 and 2007 (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/24) and on cost analysis of new proposals before the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/16). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/24.

42. Updated information will be provided at the beginning of the meeting, in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/13, on expenditures incurred and contributions pledged or received.

Item 7: Venue and date of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties

43. The Conference may wish to consider the date and venue of its third meeting, taking into account rules 3 and 4 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide on the date, duration and venue of its third meeting.

Item 8: Other matters

44. The Conference has before it notes by the Secretariat on enhancing synergies within the chemicals and waste cluster (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/25), on a study on improving cooperation and synergies between the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/12) and on a supplementary analysis of the financial and administrative arrangements that would be needed to implement any changes that the three convention secretariats and the United Nations Environment Programme may propose to enhance synergies and cooperation between the secretariats of the chemicals and wastes conventions (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/18). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/25.

45. The Conference of the Parties also has before it a note by the Secretariat on official communication with Parties and observers (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/26). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

46. The Conference of the Parties will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the Stockholm Convention as of 21 April 2006 (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/INF/14). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the note.

47. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to consider other matters raised by delegations in the course of the meeting.

Item 9: Adoption of the report

48. At its last session of the meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Rapporteur.

Item 10: Closure of the meeting

49. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President by 6 p.m. on Friday, 5 May 2006.
