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

Implementation plans submitted to the Conference of the Parties**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Paragraph 1 (a) of Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention requires each Party to “[d]evelop and endeavour to implement a plan for the implementation of its obligations under [the] Convention.” Paragraph 1 (b) of the Article states that each Party shall “[t]ransmit its implementation plan to the Conference of the Parties within two years of the date on which [the] Convention enters into force for it”.
2. In accordance with Article 26, paragraph 1 of the Stockholm Convention, the Convention entered into force on 17 May 2004, the ninetieth day after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Therefore, the deadline for the first fifty Parties to submit their implementation plans is 17 May 2006. For each other Party to the Convention, the deadline for such submissions will be the date two years after the Convention entered into force for it.
3. As of 27 December 2005, the following Parties had transmitted their implementation plans: Bolivia, Latvia, the Republic of Moldova and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Electronic versions of these implementation plans are available for viewing and downloading on the Convention’s official website: www.pops.int.
4. A table indicating the deadline by which each Party to the Convention is to submit its implementation plan pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention is contained in the annex to the present note. The table also indicates the dates on which plans already transmitted were received by the Secretariat.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The Conference may wish:
 - (a) To take note of the implementations plans transmitted pursuant to Article 7;

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(b) To take note of the deadlines for submissions of the implementations for each Party listed in the annex to the present note;

(c) To request the entity or entities entrusted with the operations of the financial mechanism of the Convention, including the Global Environment Facility, when implementing the guidance to the financial mechanism as adopted by decision SC-1/9, to take into account the priorities identified by Parties in their implementation plans as submitted to the Conference of the Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention.

Annex

Deadlines for the submission of implementation plans pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention and date of receipt of submissions by the Secretariat as of 31 December 2005

Party	Deadline for submission of implementation plan	Date of receipt of implementation plan by the Secretariat
Albania	2 January 2007	
Antigua and Barbuda	17 May 2006	
Argentina	25 April 2007	
Armenia	17 May 2006	
Australia	18 August 2006	
Austria	17 May 2006	
Azerbaijan	17 May 2006	
Bahamas	1 January 2008	
Barbados	5 September 2006	
Belarus	17 May 2006	
Benin	17 May 2006	
Bolivia	17 May 2006	19 September 2005
Botswana	17 May 2006	
Brazil	14 September 2006	
Bulgaria	20 March 2007	
Burkina Faso	31 March 2007	
Burundi	31 October 2007	
Canada	17 May 2006	
Chad	8 June 2006	
Chile	25 April 2007	
China	11 November 2006	
Cook Islands	27 September 2006	
Côte d'Ivoire	17 May 2006	
Cyprus	5 June 2007	
Czech Republic	17 May 2006	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	17 May 2006	
Democratic Republic of the Congo	21 June 2007	
Denmark	17 May 2006	
Djibouti	9 June 2006	
Dominica	17 May 2006	
Ecuador	5 September 2006	
Egypt	17 May 2006	
Eritrea	8 June 2007	
Ethiopia	17 May 2006	
European Community	14 February 2007	
Fiji	17 May 2006	

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Finland	17 May 2006	
France	17 May 2006	
Germany	17 May 2006	
Ghana	17 May 2006	
Honduras	21 August 2007	
Iceland	17 May 2006	
Japan	17 May 2006	
Jordan	5 February 2007	
Kenya	23 December 2006	
Kiribati	5 December 2006	
Latvia	26 January 2007	7 June 2005
Lebanon	17 May 2006	
Lesotho	17 May 2006	
Liberia	17 May 2006	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	12 September 2007	
Liechtenstein	3 March 2007	
Luxembourg	17 May 2006	
Madagascar	16 February 2008	
Mali	17 May 2006	
Marshall Islands	17 May 2006	
Mauritania	20 October 2007	
Mauritius	11 October 2006	
Mexico	17 May 2006	
Micronesia (Federated States of)	13 October 2007	
Monaco	18 January 2007	
Mongolia	29 July 2006	
Morocco	13 September 2006	
Mozambique	29 January 2008	
Myanmar	18 July 2006	
Namibia	22 September 2007	
Nauru	17 May 2006	
Netherlands	17 May 2006	
New Zealand	23 December 2006	
Nicaragua	1 March 2008	
Nigeria	22 August 2006	
Niue	1 December 2007	
Norway	17 May 2006	
Oman	19 April 2007	
Panama	17 May 2006	
Papua New Guinea	17 May 2006	
Paraguay	30 June 2006	
Peru	13 December 2007	
Philippines	27 May 2006	

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Portugal	13 October 2006	
Qatar	10 March 2007	
Republic of Moldova	6 July 2006	25 August 2005
Romania	26 January 2007	
Rwanda	17 May 2006	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	19 August 2006	
Saint Lucia	17 May 2006	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	14 December 2007	
Samoa	17 May 2006	
Senegal	17 May 2006	
Sierra Leone	17 May 2006	
Singapore	22 August 2007	
Slovakia	17 May 2006	
Slovenia	16 August 2006	
Solomon Islands	26 October 2006	
South Africa	17 May 2006	
Spain	26 August 2006	
Sri Lanka	22 March 2008	
Sweden	17 May 2006	
Switzerland	17 May 2006	
Syrian Arab Republic	3 November 2007	
Thailand	1 May 2007	
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	25 August 2006	2 September 2005
Togo	20 October 2006	
Trinidad and Tobago	17 May 2006	
Tunisia	15 September 2006	
Tuvalu	17 May 2006	
Uganda	18 October 2006	
United Arab Emirates	17 May 2006	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	17 April 2007	
United Republic of Tanzania	16 August 2006	
Uruguay	17 May 2006	
Vanuatu	15 December 2007	
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	16 August 2006	
Viet Nam	17 May 2006	
Yemen	17 May 2006	