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Third meeting**
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Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The third meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will be held from 30 April to 4 May 2007 at the Méri­dien President Hotel, Dakar, Senegal. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 30 April 2007.
2. The President elected at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Mr. Nicholas Kiddle (New Zealand), 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.3/2). 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.3/1.

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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.3/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.3/3). 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 third 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. At the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Bureau urged all Parties to follow the correct procedures for submission of credentials in the future. It recommended that the newly elected Bureau should consider a different approach to examination of credentials based on the procedures followed by the governing bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements, pursuant to which Parties who failed to submit proper credentials were permitted to participate as observers only.¹

14. Representatives of Parties may participate in the meeting pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties on their credentials.

15. 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

16. 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.3/INF/1), starting with the primary objectives listed therein.

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

(i) **DDT**

17. 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.3/4), on the report of the expert group on the assessment of the production and use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/24) and on the draft revised DDT questionnaire (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/2). 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.3/4.

¹ Report of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), paragraph 26.

(ii) Exemptions

18. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the review process for entries in the register of specific exemptions (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/5). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(iii) Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3

19. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on evaluation of the continued need for the procedure contained in paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/6). 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**

20. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the report of the co-chairs of the expert group on best available techniques and best environmental practices (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/7) and on draft guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/4) and the report of the expert group on best available techniques and best environmental practices on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/EGBATBEP.2/4). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and the report and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/7.

(ii) Identification and quantification of releases

21. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on ongoing review and updating of the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/8), on the expert meeting to develop further the Standardized Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Dioxin and Furan Releases (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/6) and on experts nominated by Parties to be consulted on the further development of the Toolkit (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/24). 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.3/8.

(c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes

22. The Conference has before it notes by the Secretariat on the guidelines relating to persistent organic pollutant wastes adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/9) and on guidelines relating to persistent organic pollutant wastes adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eighth meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/7). 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.3/9.

(d) Implementation plans

23. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on guidance for implementation plans (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/10) and on draft guidance on socio-economic assessment for national implementation plan development and implementation under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/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.3/10.

24. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on implementation plans transmitted to the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/29). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

25. The Conference of the Parties has before it also a note by the Secretariat on analysis of implementation plans transmitted to the Conference of the Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/11). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

(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.3/12), the report of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/17 and add. 1–5) and a note by the Secretariat on the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee concerning a nominee to replace a member who could not complete her term of office (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/20). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and the report and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/12.

(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.3/13), on a revised draft of a strategic plan for establishing procedures for the operation of the clearing-house mechanism under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/9) and on information exchange and management requirements under the Stockholm Convention and other information relevant to the development of a draft of a strategic plan for establishing procedures for the operation of the clearing-house mechanism under the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/10). 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.3/13.

(g) **Technical assistance**

28. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on technical assistance (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/14) and on the compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on the provision of technical assistance and transfer of technology to developing countries in order to assist implementation of their respective implementation plans and other obligations under the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/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 document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/14.

29. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on draft terms of reference for the selection process of regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/15) and on a compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on the draft terms of reference for selecting regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/5). 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.3/15.

(h) **Financial resources**

30. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the report on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties of the Convention and the Council of Global Environment Facility (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/16) and on the report of the Global Environment Facility on its activities in support of the implementation of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/3). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/16.

31. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on mobilization of resources (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/17) and on other possible sources of funding or entities to facilitate the adequacy and sustainability of funding for activities relevant to the implementation of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/12). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/17.

32. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on draft terms of reference for the second review of the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/18). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested in therein.

33. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on the report of the preliminary assessment of funding needs for Parties which are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010 (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/19) and on the compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat regarding information needed for the preliminary assessment of the funding needs of Parties which are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over

the period 2006–2010 (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/21). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/19.

34. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on revised terms of reference for work on modalities on the needs assessment (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/20) and on the compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on views on the further elaboration of the terms of reference for work on assessment of funding needs (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/23). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider the possible action suggested document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/20.

(i) Reporting

35. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/21). 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.3/22), on the draft implementation plan for the global monitoring plan for the first effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/23), on a draft revision of the guidance on global monitoring plan (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/14) and on updated information on existing human health and environment monitoring programmes (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/15). The Conference of the Parties also has before it the reports of the provisional ad hoc technical working group on global monitoring plan on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/GMP/TWG.1/6) and of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/GMP/TWG.2/8). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and the reports and consider the possible action suggested in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/22.

(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.3/26). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested therein.

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 second meeting, to held from 25 to 27 April 2007. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the report.

(l) Synergies

39. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on enhancing synergies within the chemicals and waste cluster (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/28), on the supplementary report on cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/13) and on comments on the supplementary report (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/19). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information contained in the note and consider the possible action suggested document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/28.

40. The Conference of the Parties will also have before it the report of the ad hoc joint working group on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions on the work of its first meeting, to be held from 26 to 28 March 2007. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the report.

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

41. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on activities of the Secretariat and budget for 2008 and 2009 (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/27), on an alternative operational budget that maintains the operational budget for the 2008–2009 biennium at the 2006–2007 level in nominal terms (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/25), on cost analysis of new proposals before the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/16) and on concerns about the scale of contributions (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/18). 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.3/27.

42. Updated information will be provided at the beginning of the meeting, in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/17, on expenditures incurred and contributions pledged or received.

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

43. The Conference may wish to consider the date and venue of its fourth 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 fourth meeting.

Item 8: Other matters

44. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on official communications with Parties and observers (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/25) and on the list of official contact points and national focal points for information exchange (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/26). 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.3/25.

45. 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 13 April 2007 (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/22). The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the note.

46. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

Item 9: Adoption of the report

47. 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

48. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President by 6 p.m. on Friday, 4 May 2007.
