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Item 5 (h) of the provisional agenda\*

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

**Report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the  
memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the  
Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility\*\***

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. Paragraph 6 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants establishes a financial mechanism for the provision of adequate and sustainable financial resources to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition on a grant or concessional basis to assist in their implementation of the Convention. The mechanism is to function under the authority, as appropriate, and guidance of, and be accountable to, the Conference of the Parties for the purposes of the Convention.
2. Paragraph 7 of Article 13 of the Convention states, in pertinent part:  
  
“... the Conference of the Parties shall at its first meeting adopt appropriate guidance to be provided to the mechanism and shall agree with the entity or entities participating in the financial mechanism upon arrangements to give effect thereto.”
3. The Conference of the Parties in its decision SC-1/11 adopted the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) that is set out in the annex to that decision and by its decision SC-2/10 welcomed its approval by the GEF Council and took note that the memorandum entered into effect on 10 November 2005.

\* UNEP/POPS/COP.3/1.

\*\* Stockholm Convention, Articles 13 and 14; reports of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decisions SC-1/9 and SC-1/11 and on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/11.

4. The Conference of the Parties in its decision SC-2/10 requested the Secretariat, in consultation with GEF, to report to the Conference of the Parties at its future meetings on the effectiveness of the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the GEF Council.

### **Implementation of the memorandum of understanding**

5. Paragraph 7 of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the GEF Council, set forth in the annex to decision SC-1/11, states that "... the [GEF] Council will prepare and submit regular reports to the Conference of the Parties at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties." Paragraphs 8 to 12 of the memorandum specify what is to be included in the report and paragraph 13 states that "[t]he Conference of the Parties may raise with the Council any matter arising from the report received."

6. Pursuant to paragraph 7 to 12 of the memorandum of understanding, the GEF Council submitted its report to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting as set forth in the annex to document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/3.

7. The secretariats of GEF and of the Convention have communicated and cooperated with each other on relevant issues pertaining to the implementation of the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding. The Secretariat of the Convention has been invited to comment on project proposals related to persistent organic pollutants under consideration for inclusion in the work programme, and has provided comments with regard to the consistency of the project proposals with the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the financial mechanism.

8. Pursuant to paragraph 21 of the memorandum of understanding, representatives of the GEF secretariat attended the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties and have been invited to attend the third meeting. The Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention attended the GEF Council meetings held in Washington D.C in June and December 2006, as well as the third GEF Assembly, held in Cape Town, South Africa, in August 2006;

9. In addition, since February 2007, the Secretariat of the Convention has been participating as one of the members of the chemicals technical advisory group set up by the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility to advise on revisions of the focal area strategies.

### **Possible action by the Conference of the Parties**

10. The Conference may wish:

(a) To take note of the information contained in the present note by the Secretariat;

(b) To welcome the report of GEF to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting set forth in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/3 and to raise with the GEF Council any matter arising from the report.

(c) To request the Secretariat, in consultation with GEF, to prepare a report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the GEF Council, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.

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