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

Mobilization of resources**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention states:

“The developed country Parties shall provide new and additional financial resources to enable developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to meet the agreed full incremental costs of implementing measures which fulfil their obligations under [the] Convention as agreed between a recipient Party and an entity participating in the mechanism described in paragraph 6. Other Parties may also on a voluntary basis and in accordance with their capabilities provide such financial resources. Contributions from other sources should also be encouraged. The implementation of these commitments shall take into account the need for adequacy, predictability, and the timely flow of funds and the importance of burden sharing among the contributing Parties.”
2. Paragraph 3 of the same Article states:

“Developed country Parties, and other Parties in accordance with their capabilities and in accordance with their national plans, priorities and programmes, may also provide and developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition avail themselves of financial resources to assist in their implementation of [the] Convention through other bilateral, regional and multilateral sources or channels.”
3. At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties by its decision SC-2/10 on financial resources and mechanisms invited, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, developed country Parties, other Parties and other sources, including relevant funding institutions, to provide information to the Secretariat on ways in which they can support the Convention.

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** Stockholm Convention, Article 13; reports 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-1/11 and on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/29) annex I, decision SC-2/10.

4. Decision SC-2/10 also requested the Secretariat to identify other possible sources of funding and/or entities to facilitate the adequacy and sustainability of funding for activities relevant to the implementation of the Convention and to propose arrangements with those entities for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;

5. The decision further requested the Secretariat to prepare a report, on the basis of the information to be provided pursuant to paragraphs 7 and 8 of the decision, reviewing the availability of financial resources in addition to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and ways and means of mobilizing and channelling those resources in support of the objectives of the Convention, as requested by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in its resolution 2, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;

6. At the time of preparing the present note, the Secretariat had not received any information from developed country Parties, other Parties or other sources, including relevant funding institutions, on ways in which they could support the Convention.

7. As requested in paragraphs 8 and 9 of decision SC-2/10, the Secretariat undertook an exercise to identify other possible sources of funding and/or entities to facilitate the adequacy and sustainability of funding for activities relevant to the implementation of the Convention. Based on its preliminary findings, the Secretariat has prepared a report 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, which is set forth in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/12. The report reviews the availability of resources in addition to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and possible ways and means of mobilizing and channelling those resources in support of the Convention. Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

8. The Conference may wish:

(a) To take note of the information set forth in the present note and the report 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;

(b) To invite, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, developed country Parties, other Parties and other sources, including relevant funding institutions, to provide information to the Secretariat on ways in which they can support the Convention;

(c) To request the Secretariat, based on the information to be provided pursuant to the invitation in subparagraph (b) above, further to develop the report on additional sources of funding set forth in the annex to document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/12 and to submit it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting.
