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Others matters**

Official communications with Parties and observers**

Note by the Secretariat

1. To support implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the following contact or focal points have been appointed:
 - (a) Official contact points for the performance of administrative functions and all formal communication under the Convention for Parties, designated in accordance with decision SC-2/16 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
 - (b) National focal points for the exchange of information, appointed pursuant to Article 9 of the Convention.
2. States not Party to the Convention may also nominate contact points to manage communication on matters relating to the Convention.
3. Decision SC-2/16 provides that, for the purpose of inviting observers to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and for the purpose of communication with observers during the periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, the Secretariat should use:
 - (a) The list of contacts in United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Global Environment Facility contained in annex II to document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/26;
 - (b) The list of national and international governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies contained in annex III of document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/26, as updated at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

* UNEP/POPS/COP.3/1.

** Report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/16.

4. With its decision SC-2/16, the Conference of the Parties also agreed to accredit to its meetings non-governmental organizations listed in part 2 of annex III of document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/26. The Conference also invited non-governmental organizations not included in the list that wish to be accredited to meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to submit the information listed in annex IV of document UNEP/POPS/COP.2/26 for consideration by the Conference at its next ordinary meeting.

5. As of 31 January 2007, 50 Parties had nominated official contact points and 18 States not party to the Convention had nominated contact points for communication concerning the Convention. That list of contact points is set out in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/26.

6. A list of national focal points for information exchange was established on an ad hoc basis soon after the adoption of the Convention in May 2001. It contains focal point information from Parties and States not party to the Convention. For ease of reference, this information is provided in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/26 side-by-side with the official contact information for each Party or State not party to the Convention.

Possible action by the Conference

7. The Conference may wish:

(a) To urge Parties that have not already done so to nominate, in accordance with decision SC-2/16, official contact points to perform administrative functions and all formal communication under the Convention for Parties;

(b) To invite Parties and States not party to the Convention to confirm their existing focal point or nominate a new national focal point for information exchange.
