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Item 5 (k) of the provisional agenda*

**Matters for consideration or action by the
Conference of the Parties: non-compliance**

**Non-compliance: 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****

Note by the Secretariat

1. Article 17 of the Stockholm Convention states:
“The Conference of the Parties shall, as soon as practicable, develop and approve procedures and institutional mechanisms for determining non-compliance with the provisions of this Convention and for the treatment of Parties found to be in non-compliance.”
2. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided in decision SC-1/14 to convene an open-ended ad hoc working group to consider procedures and institutional mechanisms on non-compliance under Article 17 of the Convention; the group was to meet for two or three days immediately prior to the second meeting of the Conference.
3. The first meeting of the open-ended ad hoc working group on non-compliance was held in Geneva on 28 and 29 April 2006. A draft text setting out procedures and institutional mechanisms for determining non-compliance with the provisions of the Convention, prepared by the working group, is set out in the annex to the report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/OEWG-NC.1/3).

* UNEP/POPS/COP.3/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 17; report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/14; report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/14.

4. At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in its decision SC-2/14, among other things decided that the draft text contained in the annex to the report of the meeting of the open-ended ad hoc working group would be the basis for further work of the working group at its second meeting and subsequent discussion at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the question of non-compliance.

5. The second meeting of the open-ended ad hoc working group on non-compliance will be held in Dakar from 25 to 27 April 2007. The working group will report on its work at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

6. The Conference may wish:

(a) To take note of the report of the open-ended ad hoc working group on non-compliance on the work of its second meeting;

(b) To consider a possible decision, based on the report, on the development of 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.
