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Item 5 (a) (iii) of the provisional agenda\*

**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:  
measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use;  
evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under  
paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3**

**Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure contained in  
paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3\*\***

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. Paragraph 7 of Article 19 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants states:  
“The Conference of the Parties shall, at its third meeting, evaluate the continued need for the procedure contained in paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3, including consideration of its effectiveness.”
2. Paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 allows the export of a chemical listed in Annex A for which any production or use specific exemption is in effect or a chemical listed in Annex B for which any production or use specific exemption or acceptable purpose is in effect for the purpose of environmentally sound disposal as set forth in paragraph 1 (d) of Article 6 to a Party which is permitted to use that chemical under Annexes A or B or to a State which is not a Party to the Convention which has provided an annual certification to the exporting Party, as specified in paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3. The exporting Party shall transmit the certification to the Secretariat within sixty days of receipt.
3. As part of the reporting requirements under Article 15 of the Convention, a Party is to provide, among other things, statistical data on its exports of each of the chemicals listed in Annex A and Annex B or a reasonable estimate of such data and, to the extent practical, a list of the States to which it has exported each chemical.

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

\*\* Stockholm Convention, Article 19, paragraph 7.

4. As discussed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/21, the deadline for the submission of reports by Parties pursuant to Article 15 was 31 December 2006. At present, it is not yet possible to provide information on exports of chemicals listed in Annexes A and B from the reports which have been submitted.

5. As of 17 January 2007, the Secretariat has received no certifications from exporting Parties pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3.

### **Possible action by the Conference**

6. The Conference may wish:

(a) To complete a preliminary evaluation of the procedure contained in paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3, including consideration of its effectiveness;

(b) To request the Secretariat to provide a report, based on Party reports submitted pursuant to Article 15, certifications from exporting Parties pursuant to paragraph 2 (b) (iii) of Article 3 and other relevant information, for consideration by the Conference at its fourth meeting;

(c) To decide to evaluate the procedure further at its fourth meeting.

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