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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:
effectiveness evaluation**

Guidance on the global monitoring plan **

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its second meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision SC-2/13 on effectiveness evaluation in which it, among other things, decided to establish a provisional ad hoc technical working group to coordinate and oversee implementation of the global monitoring plan set out in the annex to the decision.
2. The provisional ad hoc technical working group was requested, among other things, to develop guidance for data comparability, taking into account the guidance document prepared by the Chemicals Branch of the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP Chemicals).
3. The revised draft guidance on the global monitoring plan developed by the provisional ad hoc technical working group is contained in the annex to the present note. The guidance has not been formally edited.

* UNEP/POPS/COP.3/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 16; report of the Conference of the Parties of the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/13; report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/13.

Annex

Guidance on the Global Monitoring Plan for Persistent Organic Pollutants – Preliminary Version