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CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES
ON THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON
PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
Stockholm, 22-23 May 2001

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the Conference

1. The Conference, to be held at Folkets Hus, City Conference Centre in Stockholm, will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 May 2001.
2. The Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) or, in his absence, his representative, will preside in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Conference, until the Conference has elected its President.
3. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by the following:
 - (a) The Executive Director of UNEP;
 - (b) The representative of the host Government;
 - (c) The representative of the City of Stockholm

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the rules of procedure

4. The Conference may wish to decide to apply the rules of procedure of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, *mutatis mutandis*, to its proceedings which are included in a document for the preparatory meeting to the Conference, UNEP/POPS/CONF/PM/INF/1. The Conference may wish to consider any recommendations that the preparatory meeting may have regarding this matter.
5. With regard to matters related to credentials of the representatives, which are not covered by the rules of procedure of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, it should be noted that the credentials and full powers of the representatives must be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Community, by the President of the European Commission. Delegates are invited to submit to the Secretariat their credentials and full powers before the

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opening of the Conference if possible, but not later than 12 noon on Tuesday, 22 May 2001. The representatives may participate in the Conference pending a decision of the Conference upon their credentials.

(b) Election of officers

6. Subject to the rules of procedure, the Conference will elect its Bureau consisting of the following officers:

(a) President;

(b) Four Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur

7. Upon his/her election, the President presides in accordance with the rules of procedure.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

8. The Conference may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/POPS/CONF/1. The items contained in the provisional agenda are the following: item 1 (Opening of the Conference); item 2 (Organizational matters: (a) Adoption of the rules of procedure; (b) Election of officers; (c) Adoption of the agenda; (d) Appointment of the Credentials Committee; (e) Organization of the work of the Conference); item 3 (Report of the Credentials Committee); item 4 (Adoption of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants); item 5 (Adoption of resolutions); item 6 (Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference); item 7 (Signature of the Final Act and the Convention); and item 8 (Closure of the Conference).

(d) Appointment of the Credentials Committee

9. The Conference may wish to appoint the Credentials Committee that may discharge its function with the assistance of the secretariat.

(e) Organization of the work of the Conference

10. The Conference may wish to work in its entirety without establishing any subsidiary body, save for the Credentials Committee.

11. In the event that it is necessary to establish drafting groups or contact groups on specific matters, the President may propose to the Conference to establish such groups and subsequently appoint members to form them.

12. The Conference may wish to decide that it meets from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 22 May 2001, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 23 May 2001, subject to adjustment as appropriate.

Item 3: Report of the Credentials Committee

13. The Credentials Committee, with the assistance of the secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives at the Conference and report thereon to the Conference.

Item 4: Adoption of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

14. The Conference has before it the text of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, as agreed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its fifth session and contained in document UNEP/POPS/CONF/2.

15. The President will invite the Chair of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to formally present the text of the Convention, as agreed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its fifth session, to the Conference.

16. On the basis of the text, as agreed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its fifth session, the Conference may wish to adopt the Convention. It is expected that the Conference will adopt the Convention on Tuesday, 22 May 2001.

Item 5: Adoption of resolutions

17. The Conference has before it draft resolutions adopted by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its fourth and fifth sessions as contained in UNEP/POPS/CONF/3. These resolutions are the same as those included in appendix II and appendix III to UNEP/POPS/INC.5/7 except that the references have been edited to be consistent with the draft Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants included in UNEP/POPS/CONF/2. The Conference has also before it resolutions submitted to it by the preparatory meeting for the Conference that are included in appendix I to the report of that meeting, UNEP/POPS/CONF/PM/3. These resolutions were agreed to by the preparatory meeting for the Conference, based on resolutions tabled at the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee that it did not have adequate time to consider (see appendix IV to UNEP/POPS/INC.5/7).

18. The President will invite the Chair of the preparatory meeting to formally present the draft resolutions to the Conference. On that basis, the Conference may wish to adopt the resolutions.

19. The Conference may wish to adopt also a resolution on a tribute to the host Government.

20. The Conference may also wish to take note of any recommendations submitted by the preparatory meeting to the Conference and include them in the report of the Conference, amended as appropriate.

Item 6: Adoption of the Final Act of the Conference

21. The Conference has before it its draft Final Act as contained in document UNEP/POPS/CONF/4. On that basis, the Conference may wish to adopt the Final Act. It is expected that the Conference will adopt the Final Act on Tuesday, 22 May 2001.

Item 7: Signature of the Final Act and the Convention

22. The Final Act and the Convention, having been adopted by the Conference, will be opened for signature shortly thereafter.

23. Immediately following the ceremony for signing those instruments, statements may be made by representatives wishing to do so. For this purpose, a list of speakers will be opened at the secretariat (with the Director, Chemicals, UNEP) on 23 April 2001. In drawing up the list of speakers, precedence will be given to Heads of State, Heads of Government, Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Cabinet Ministers, and others, in that order. The Conference may wish to set a time limit for each statement at the start of the session on the basis of the number of speakers on the list of speakers maintained by the secretariat.

Item 8: Closure of the Conference

24. After the customary exchange of courtesies, the President may declare the closure of the Conference. It is expected that the Conference will be closed by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 May 2001.
