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Agenda item 10  
Adoption of the report**

**Report of the Provisional Ad Hoc Technical Working Group on  
the work of its second meeting**

**Introduction**

1. At its second meeting held in May 2006, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision SC-2/13 on effectiveness evaluation in which it agreed to implement the elements for the Global Monitoring Plan and to establish a Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group to oversee the plan.
2. The first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group was held at RECETOX Research Centre of Excellence for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology - Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, from 9-12 October 2006 and the second meeting at the International Environment House, Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 January to 3 February 2007.

**I. Opening of the meeting**

3. The meeting was declared open at 9.10 a.m. on Tuesday 30 January, 2007 by Mr. Ivan Holoubek (Czech Republic), chair of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group who noted that there still remained several questions to be solved to finalize the documents to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting to be held in Dakar, Senegal in April 2007. He encouraged the group to have a focused and sharp discussion in order to complete the tasks set to them by the end of the meeting.
4. Ms. Fatoumata Keita Ouane, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention, gave an opening statement in which she welcomed the participants and reminded the group of the significant challenge it had received from the Conference of the Parties in terms of objectives and anticipated outcomes. She noted that despite the extensive work on assessment currently being undertaken by UNEP, the type of monitoring process being developed by the current group was a starting point for future evaluation of the effectiveness of the Stockholm Convention. She said that the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group would need to send a message to the Conference of the Parties that would point them in the right direction. She concluded with wishing the meeting success in their deliberations.

## II. Organizational matters

### A. Adoption of the agenda

5. The meeting adopted the agenda set out below, on the basis of the provisional agenda which had been circulated as document UNEP/POPS/GMP/TWG-2/1 and orally amended to include an initial discussion in plenary on regional organization groups and on the draft implementation plan:

1. Opening of the meeting;
2. Organizational matters:
  - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
  - (b) Organization of work;
3. Review of the outcome of the first meeting;  
Objectives and goals of the second meeting.
4. Report of the intersessional work:
  - (a) Criteria for selection of programmes;
  - (b) Inventory of monitoring programmes;
  - (c) Capacity needs assessment;
  - (d) Guidance document drafting group;
  - (e) Data comparability and handling;
  - (f) Global Monitoring Plan and draft implementation plan;
  - (g) Compilation of Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group comments.
5. Global Monitoring Plan guidance document presentation and adoption.
6. Discussion groups:
  - A. Review of available monitoring programmes and information;
  - B. Finalization of the draft Global Monitoring Plan;
  - C. Proposal for capacity enhancement in response to the capacity building needs inventory;
  - D. Draft implementation plan and initiation of the establishment of the regional organization groups.
7. Initiation of regional organization groups establishment.
8. Reporting to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report.
11. Closure of the meeting.

## B. Organization of work

6. The meeting agreed to conduct its work in plenary and to establish sub-groups as necessary.
7. The elected members of the bureau of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group continued as follows:

Chair: Mr. Ivan Holoubek (Czech Republic)

Vice-chairs: Mr. Nee Sun Choong Kwet Yive (Mauritius)  
Ms. Ana Patricia Martinez Bolivar (Mexico)

Rapporteurs: Mr. Yasuyuki Shibata (Japan)  
Mr. Tor Johannessen (Norway).

## C. Attendance

8. The meeting was attended by the following nominated regional representatives: Mr. Peter Weiss (Austria), Ms. Therese Yarde (Barbados), Mr. Mansourou Moudachirou (Benin), Ms. Tsvetanka Dimcheva (Bulgaria), Mr. Tom Harner (Canada), Mr. Lorenzo Caballero (Chile), Mr. Minghui Zheng (China), Mr. Ivan Holoubek (Czech Republic), Ms. Indrani Chandrasekharan (India), Mr. Yasuyuki Shibata (Japan), Mr. Demba Sidibe (Mali), Mr. Nee Sun Choong Kwet Yive (Mauritius), Ms. Ana Patricia Martinez Bolivar (Mexico), Ms. Anna Cumanova (Moldova) and Mr. Tor Johannessen (Norway).

9. The meeting was also attended by the following non-member experts, representatives of existing monitoring programmes and efforts, and observers: Mr. Juan C. Colombo (Argentina), Ms Sandra de Souza Hacon (Brazil), Mr. Henk Bouwman (South Africa), Mr. Anders Bignert (Sweden), Mr. Bo Wahlström (Sweden), Mr. Simon Wilson (AMAP - Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme), Mr. Lars-Otto Reiersen (AMAP), Mr. Gerald G. Moy (World Health Organization -WHO), Mr. Seongsoo Park (WHO), Mr. David Piper (UNEP Division of Global Environment Fund coordination), Mr. Rogerio Fenner (UNEP Chemicals), Mr. Guy O'Brien (Australia), Ms Cheryl Heathwood (Canada), Mr. Yangzhao Sun (China), Ms. Juliane Koch (Germany), Mr. Yoichi Kamiya (Japan), Mr. Masaya Okuyama (Japan) Mr. Mario Yarto (Mexico) and Ms. Sharyl Patton (International POPs Elimination Network).

10. A complete list of participants is set out in UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/INF/8.

## III. Review of the outcome of the first meeting; Objectives and goals of the second meeting

11. The representative of the Secretariat made a brief introduction on the outcome of the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group and the objectives and goals of the second meeting. She recalled the importance of POPs monitoring under the Stockholm Convention and highlighted the necessity for consistent, although not necessarily identical, monitoring methods. The Conference of the Parties would consider the first effectiveness evaluation report at its fourth meeting and, as the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties was the final opportunity for solving outstanding issues or arrangements associated with the preparation of that report, it was essential that the current meeting agree and conclude on the documents to be submitted to that meeting. She summarized the work that had been undertaken at the previous meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group noting that, as a result of that meeting and of intersessional work, the Global Monitoring Plan, its participants, the implementation elements and the capacity needs had been shaped. The draft Global Monitoring Plan, the arrangements necessary at the global and regional level and the processes to ensure transparency and inclusiveness had not been completed.

12. Reminding the meeting of decision SC-2/13<sup>1</sup> and of the characteristics of the Global Monitoring Plan, the current meeting, she said, should build on work accomplished. It should seek to finalize the draft Global Monitoring Plan and the draft implementation plan, provide guidance on standardization and the establishment of strategic arrangements and partnerships and decide on elements and recommendations to be included in the Chair's report to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting. The meeting was also reminded that the first evaluation would aim to determine the baseline for further evaluations, and that future evaluations would enhance global core comparable

<sup>1</sup> SC-2/13 decision on effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30 Annex I, page 50)

datasets. Finally, the inventory of capacities developed by the Secretariat would be maintained and a needs assessment conducted. Capacity building would be guided by a plan for step-by-step capacity enhancement.

13. Mr. Holoubek described the documents produced at the first meeting and indicated what was expected from the second. He recalled that decision SC-2/13 requested the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group to develop guidance for data comparability taking into account available guidance produced by UNEP Chemical in 2004. That revision had been necessary as the Conference of the Parties now favoured a new model for the Global Monitoring Plan. The objective of the draft guidance document, he said, was to provide a uniform technical activity framework for all tasks associated with collection, assessment and reporting of environmental background levels of the persistent organic pollutants listed in annexes A, B and C of the Convention in order to provide comparable information for the Conference of the Parties as required in paragraph 2 of Article 16 of the Convention.

14. He described the changes that had been made to the draft guidance document since the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group and concluded by noting the key issues to be addressed by the current meeting. Those were agreeing on whether or not the document was suitable to provide technical guidance to enable the collection of comparable monitoring data; agreeing on whether or not chapter 7 of the draft guidance document could provide the managerial framework for tasks concerning strategy, process, and the draft structure for regional monitoring groups; and also agreeing on whether that chapter could form the basis of the approach to be followed to deal with the environmental transport of persistent organic pollutants.

#### **IV. Report on intersessional work**

15. The representative of the Secretariat gave a report on intersessional work as given below.

##### **A. Criteria for selection of programmes**

16. Criteria for the selection of monitoring programmes were adopted at the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group, were annexed to the report of that meeting UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6 and were included as an addendum to the draft implementation plan (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/4).

##### **B. Inventory of monitoring programmes**

17. The questionnaire to update UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/INF/10 was circulated prior to the first and second meetings of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group through its members.

18. At the first meeting, the above-mentioned criteria were applied to the questionnaire responses and the programmes were categorized according to their ability to contribute to the first monitoring reports with or without identified levels of capacity and according to their regional distribution and the results attached to the report of that meeting (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6). The first meeting had also agreed that the inventory provided the basis for identification of programmes that could contribute to the Global Monitoring Plan.

19. Additional responses to the questionnaire had been received by the Secretariat and an updated inventory (UNEP/POPS/GMP-2/6) was made available to the current meeting. It was noted, however, that few responses had been received despite the questionnaire being circulated several times.

##### **C. Capacity needs assessment**

20. The generic elements for capacity enhancement were provided in the report of the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6). The application of the criteria to the questionnaire responses provided an indication of the regional distribution of capacity.

21. The questionnaire distributed following the first meeting was partly designed to identify what capacity enhancement would be required to bring programmes indicated through the criteria application into a position to contribute to the first monitoring reports. Among the elements investigated was the possibility of partnerships with existing programmes. The Secretariat used that information to prepare an inventory of capacity needs (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/7) which, due to limitation in responses received, could not be usefully reviewed by the second meeting.

**D. Guidance document drafting group**

22. At the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group it was agreed that an expert group consisting, inter alia, of the drafters of the original document (published by UNEP in 2004) would be requested to revise it. The expert group met in December and a revised draft guidance document was available as UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/5.

**E. Data comparability and handling**

23. The revised draft guidance document (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/5) includes measures for obtaining comparable information (chapters 2-5); data handling (chapter 6) and report preparation (chapter 7). A separate proposal has been prepared by the Secretariat on a possible rearrangement of the regional organization of activities, including reporting activities.

**F. Global Monitoring Plan and draft implementation plan**

24. At the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group the draft Global Monitoring Plan and the draft implementation plan for the first monitoring reports were reviewed and revisions identified. At that meeting, the Bureau working in coordination with the Secretariat was requested to redraft the plans according to the comments made during the first meeting. The revised draft Global Monitoring Plan and the draft implementation plan were made available to the meeting as UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/3 and UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/4 respectively.

**G. Compilation of Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group comments**

25. Comments on the draft Global Monitoring Plan and the draft implementation plan had been received from seven members of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group and were included in the documents as appropriate. The meeting made additional comments and suggested further changes to the documents.

**V. Global Monitoring Plan draft guidance document presentation**

26. Mr. Tom Harner (Canada) provided a brief summary on work undertaken intersessionally to prepare the current draft of the guidance document. He reminded the meeting that the objective of the Global Monitoring Plan was to provide a uniform technical framework for all activities and tasks associated with collection, assessment and reporting of environmental background levels of the POPs listed in annexes A, B, and C of the Convention in order to provide comparable information for the Conference of the Parties as required in paragraph 2 of Article 16 of the Convention. He outlined the revisions made to the draft guidance document on the Global Monitoring Plan at the expert meeting held in Geneva in December 2006, noting in particular that all chapters had been updated to reflect the contents of decision SC-2/13.

27. He said that sections related to non-core data had been removed in the expectation that the document would be revised for the second evaluation.

28. He also said that the key issues to be addressed by the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group were whether or not the document was suitable to provide technical guidance to enable the collection of comparable monitoring data (chapters 1-6) and whether or not chapter 7 could provide the managerial framework for tasks concerning strategy, process and the draft structure for regional monitoring reports as well as the basis of the approach to be followed to deal with the environmental transport of POPs.

29. Following an initial examination in the discussion groups and further development during plenary, the working group adopted the draft guidance document on the Global Monitoring Plan, as amended. The draft guidance document will be available to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting as an information paper.

**VI. Discussion groups**

30. The Secretariat introduced the item and provided some general guidance for the work of the discussion groups. The key elements of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group work plan and Global Monitoring Plan draft implementation plan would be reviewed in order to finalize work

undertaken and to agree upon next steps. To assist the groups in their task, the following guidelines were provided to each of two sub-groups.

#### **A. Review of available monitoring programmes and information**

31. The discussion group was given the mandate to review the preliminary inventory of programmes and identify any errors or omissions that might impair use of the inventory and decide on any amendments that might be needed. It was also requested to agree on whether the inventory could provide the basis for further action by the regional organization groups and the Secretariat in considering existing programmes and activities for the Global Monitoring Plan; review the capacity of programmes in the inventory using the criteria that was developed and conduct (if necessary) further analysis on any new unevaluated questionnaire responses; agree on whether the information on the capacity of programmes and activities in the inventory could provide the basis for further actions to be undertaken by the regional organization groups and the Secretariat as they organized participation in the global monitoring programmes for the first assessment, and as a primary information source for the step-by-step plan for capacity strengthening; and specify the additional work that could be done on identifying programmes and capacities thereof.

32. In response to the mandate given to it, the discussion group agreed on the following:

- The inventory structure had enabled application of the agreed criteria, if the requested information has been submitted by the questionnaires. However, in certain cases the categorization of the programmes on the basis of this inventory might be considered as preliminary, and where necessary, it was agreed that regional organization groups verify the programme information by directly contacting representatives of the particular programmes. Due to time constraints, categorization of the listed programmes could not be fully performed during the meeting. That task would be completed by the Secretariat on the basis of available information. In addition to the country related information it was proposed to include a summary of the international programmes on the basis of tables 1 and 2 in Annex II of the first report of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6).
- The inventory of programmes and activities could still not be considered as complete; however, it was a useful starting point for the regional organization groups. Some members of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group indicated availability of further relevant programmes or activities, which had not been included in the inventory due to lack of responses to the Questionnaire I survey. Information on such activities might be obtained most effectively at a regional level. If necessary, further information, to fill the existing gaps and to complete the inventory of programmes and activities, as well as of capacities and needs in a particular region, should be obtained by the regional organization groups as outlined below.
- An evaluation of existing capacity to examine the need for capacity strengthening of Group 2 programmes<sup>2</sup> could be performed on the base of the available Questionnaire II responses, hence this questionnaire was considered as an effective tool for capacity assessment. All responding programmes cited sufficient funding as a principle need to provide capacity strengthening. However, assessment of the globally available capacity could not be performed due to limited responses to the Questionnaire II (first part targeted to Group 1 programmes<sup>3</sup>).

33. Due to the very poor responses to Questionnaire II (second part, targeted to group 2 programmes) it was impossible to perform the needs assessment. Therefore that analysis would have to be performed by the respective regional organization groups with the support of the Secretariat taking into consideration the specific regional conditions, information and knowledge. Further information on capacities and needs was essential to elaborate the step-by-step plan for capacity strengthening. Parties were hence encouraged to provide relevant information as soon as possible.

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<sup>2</sup> Programmes, that with identified capacity enhancement can provide information coverage in areas that would otherwise be inadequately represented in the first evaluation;

<sup>3</sup> Programmes, which immediately provide information for the first evaluation

34. In view of the very tight deadline, practicality and simplicity was highly desired. A practical approach would be that regional organization groups identified additional relevant activities, institutions, labs etc. and established the official contacts through the Stockholm Convention focal points, if necessary with the assistance of the Secretariat. Additionally, it was suggested that institutions already active in POPs monitoring in the core media, which were known to the regional organization groups' members, should be contacted and involved in the Global Monitoring Plan in consultation with national focal points. It was also suggested that the following sources of additional information might be considered by the regional organization groups:

- Laboratory and project data banks of international programmes (such as AMAP and GEMS/Food);
- Data banks of relevant UN organizations (such as the WHO human milk survey);
- Related national Global Environmental Fund (GEF) projects or projects supported by other funding organizations and bilateral agreements;
- Publications, web pages or reference lists of scientific organization such as SETAC (Society of environmental toxicology and chemistry).

35. The group noted that it was important to establish official contacts at national levels with other relevant sectors (e.g. the health sector and the agriculture sector) in order to facilitate communication and cooperation during implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan. In particular, it was noted that the health sector would be essential during the sampling of human tissues.

36. Following a discussion in plenary, the meeting agreed to submit the revised version of the preliminary inventory of monitoring programmes for information to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting. The preliminary inventory of monitoring programmes is available as UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF.16. The meeting also agreed to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that, if the mandate of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group was renewed, modalities to further update the inventory be determined by the Conference.

## **B. Finalization of the draft Global Monitoring Plan**

37. The discussion group was given the mandate to review the draft outline of the Global Monitoring Plan, taking into account the proposals for revision made at the first meeting (contained in Annex III to the report of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group (UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6), and decide on any amendments that may be needed. It was also requested to verify whether elements that provided the managerial framework for information gathering for monitoring reports were correctly reflected in the draft Global Monitoring Plan; to specify and detail the additional work that should be done on the draft Global Monitoring Plan, for example, by recommending to the Conference of the Parties that it be reconsidered at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; and to review the proposal from the expert group for a regional division that would best suit and facilitate the collection and reporting of monitoring data.

38. In response to the mandate given to it, the discussion group proposed some amendments to the draft Global Monitoring Plan.

39. With regard to the managerial framework various options, ranging from continuing the current structure of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group, expanding its mandate or establishing a new group were examined. Notwithstanding the structure to be determined, the discussion group suggested possible functions for a group that might be called a "global coordination group". It was suggested that the group should consist of three to five members from each region and include representatives from all regions. Those members should also be present at the regional organization groups. The group might be mandated with the following tasks:

- Oversee the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan and review the work already undertaken
- Review the strategies of the regional organization groups and promote consistency of those groups between the regions
- Identify the impediments to programme implementation
- Promote experience sharing and capacity strengthening; matching the capacity needs and projects could be undertaken at the level of the regional organization groups

- Review the functioning of the first Global Monitoring Plan and develop recommendations for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- Facilitate the preparation of the global monitoring report – data analysis should be undertaken at the regional level
- Update the draft guidance document on the Global Monitoring Plan taking into account technical developments to achieve the goals therein
- Assist in project development in order to leverage funds

40. Turning to the regional division, the discussion group had an initial discussion and considered that, from a practical point of view, a geographic division would be more appropriate for purposes of reporting on environmental levels. The group encouraged regional programmes that were currently active in more than one of the geographical divisions to be identified to assist in reporting in those regions.

41. Following a discussion in plenary the meeting agreed to the proposed revisions and decided to submit the revised draft Global Monitoring Plan and the proposed mandate for a “global coordination group” to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting. The revised draft Global monitoring Plan is available as annex 3 of UNEP/POPS/COP.3/22 and the proposed mandate for a “global coordination group” is available as annex 4 of UNEP/POPS/COP.3/23.

### **C. Proposal for capacity enhancement in response to the capacity building needs inventory**

42. Following an initial discussion in plenary the meeting agreed that due to lack of information in the inventory of monitoring programmes it would be very difficult to determine capacity needs. The need for capacity enhancement was stressed.

43. The Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group discussed and agreed on the elements for a generic step-by-step capacity enhancement plan that might be completed and used by regional organization groups for the purpose of implementing Article 16. Those elements are available as annex 2 to document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/23, draft implementation plan for the first evaluation.

### **D. Draft implementation plan and establishment of the regional organization groups**

44. The discussion groups were given the mandate to review the redrafted implementation plan, taking into account the proposals for revision made at the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group (Annex III - Addendum I of the report of the meeting - UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.1/6), and decide on any amendments that might be needed. They were also requested to examine the following with a view to ensure that the tasks were achievable and to determine the technical and managerial support required:

- the responsibilities of the regional organization groups as given in elements 1-8 in section 2.5 of the draft implementation plan;
- those parts of chapter 7 of the revised draft guidance document concerning strategy, process and the draft structure for regional monitoring reports;
- the draft terms of reference of the regional organization groups as developed by the Secretariat.

45. The discussion groups were also requested to agree on whether the draft implementation plan could provide the framework for regional and global coordination, information gathering, information analysis, and report production for the first evaluation and for monitoring reports; review the provisional timetable, agree on whether or not it was still valid and amend it where necessary; and specify and detail the additional work that could be done to ensure effective implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan for the first evaluation.

46. Following a discussion in plenary, the meeting agreed on a draft implementation plan to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting. The draft implementation plan is available as UNEP/POPS/COP.3/23.

## **VII. Initiation of regional organization groups establishment**

47. The meeting had an initial discussion on the establishment of regional organization groups. Taking into account the need to facilitate the gathering of monitoring data and evaluating regional and global environmental transport of POPs, the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group suggested that geographical groupings be made to provide an adequate basis on which to generate, collect and report monitoring data. To this end they considered that there should be six geographic groupings as given below:

- Africa;
- Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands;
- the Caribbean, Central and South America;
- Central, Eastern and Western Europe (including the entire United Nations Central and Eastern European region);
- Eastern, South and West Asia (excluding the United Nations Central and Eastern European region); and
- North America.

Information from the Arctic and Antarctic would be incorporated into the appropriate regions taking care to avoid overlaps between regions.

48. Having paid due consideration to using other models of groupings including those of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, Co-operative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP), the five United Nations regions, a population weighted model, and others, the meeting reached the conclusion that the above-mentioned grouping would be recommended to the Conference of the Parties.

49. The Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group requested the Secretariat to undertake an estimation of the operational costs for the arrangements for regional organization groups based on the elements agreed to at the current meeting, as well as for a global coordination group.

50. The meeting agreed to propose to the Conference of the Parties that it consider using the six region model as described above. The list of the countries in each region and a map illustrating those regions is contained in annex 3 of the draft implementation plan (UNEP/POPS/COP.3/23).

51. The Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group also held initial discussions in regional sub-groups on availability and needs on possible steps for initiation of the Global Monitoring Plan activities in each of those regions and some elements of the arrangements for the regional organization groups. Further discussion on the issue was deferred until related decisions might be adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

## **VIII. Reporting to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting**

52. The Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group agreed to discuss and propose elements to be included in the report of the chair to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting. It was agreed that attached to the Chair's report would be the draft Global Monitoring Plan and a flow chart for elaboration of the global monitoring report for the first effectiveness evaluation. The draft implementation plan would be submitted to the Conference of the Parties as a separate working document and include in its annexes the criteria for evaluation of monitoring activities, the draft generic step-by-step capacity enhancement plan, the draft terms of reference for the regional organization groups and the draft terms of reference for a global coordination group. The draft guidance document on the Global Monitoring Plan as well as the report of the current meeting and of the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group would be made available to the Conference of the Parties as information documents.

## **IX. Other matters**

53. Ms. Koch informed the meeting of the recent European Union informal expert meeting on effectiveness evaluation held 15 January, 2007 in Vienna, Austria and during which the documents from

the first meeting of the Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group on global monitoring were discussed.

54. Mr. Piper made a brief presentation on the GEF activities and indicated that, a place holder for a project related to POPs monitoring had been listed for GEF funding. This work would be undertaken in close cooperation with UNEP Chemicals and any technical group established by the Conference of the Parties to oversee the implementation of the Global Monitoring Plan.

55. Mr. Wahlström informed the meeting of the forthcoming contribution of 2.5 million Swedish Kroner (350,000 US dollars) that the Government of Sweden would shortly be contributing to global monitoring activities under the Stockholm Convention.

56. Mr. Holoubek informed the meeting of the training courses on monitoring of POPs to be held RECETOX and Central and Eastern European Pops Centre of the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, 9-16 July 2007. He noted that there was a minimum fee for participation but that, with the assistance of the Secretariat, funds were being identified to assist in travel costs for a limited number of participants.

57. The representative of WHO informed the meeting that the WHO fourth round of human milk studies for POPs monitoring was on-going and interested countries wishing to participate should contact WHO for further information.

58. Mr. Holoubek also informed the meeting that, with regard to the Global Atmospheric Passive Sampling (GAPS), the RECETOX centre in the Czech Republic would be allocating 50,000 Euros for passive sampling campaigns in the 16 countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Mr. Harner informed the meeting that Canada would continue to support and operate the GAPS Network until 2009-2010 at approximately 65 stations around the world. Data from this network would be available for regional reporting. Capacity building and technology transfer aspects of GAPS would continue.

## **X. Adoption of the report**

59. The Provisional Ad hoc Technical Working Group adopted the present report on the basis of the draft contained in document UNEP/POPS/GMP-TWG.2/L.1 as amended and on the understanding that the rapporteur, working in consultation with the Secretariat, would be entrusted with its finalization.

## **XI. Closure of the meeting**

60. The meeting was declared closed at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday, 3 February 2007.

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