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Operational issues: roster of experts

Roster of experts

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants adopted decision SC-1/7 by which it established the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and adopted the terms of reference of the Committee contained in the annex to that decision.¹
2. Paragraph 10 of the terms of reference provides for the establishment of a roster of experts who are not members of the Committee and who the Committee may invite to support it in its work. It further provides that Parties may designate experts for inclusion in the roster, noting their areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge.
3. Paragraph 11 of the terms of reference gives the Committee the responsibility of establishing and applying criteria, to be approved by the Conference of the Parties, for the selection of experts from the roster to provide the needed expertise. Paragraph 12 provides that, if no expert on the roster has specific expertise on a certain issue, the Committee may invite other experts to participate in the work of the Committee in accordance with the criteria referred to in paragraph 11.
4. On 3 June 2005, the Secretariat sent a letter to Parties inviting them to nominate individuals for inclusion in the roster of experts who could be invited to support the work of the Committee, indicating that the nomination should include the identification of areas of expertise or specific knowledge and the curriculum vitae of the nominee. The experts that have been nominated by Parties have been included in the roster of experts established by the Secretariat. The roster as of 1 August 2006 is contained in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/11.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/1.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31, annex I.

5. By decision POPRC-1/2,² the Committee established criteria to be taken into consideration when selecting experts pursuant to paragraphs 10–12 of its terms of reference and decided to forward those criteria to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption at its second meeting. The criteria were subsequently approved by the Conference of the Parties in paragraph 3 of its decision SC-2/8.³

6. In paragraph 3 of decision POPRC-1/2, the Committee agreed on the process for inviting experts pursuant to paragraphs 10–12 of the terms of reference of the Committee, which is set out in the annex to the decision.

Possible action by the Committee

7. The Committee may wish:

(a) To take note of the roster of experts nominated by Parties who could be invited to support the work of the Committee;

(b) To consider the need to invite experts to support the work of the Committee at its third meeting and in the intersessional period leading up to it.

² UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/10, annex I.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.2/31, annex I.