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Third meeting
Geneva, 19–23 November 2007
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda *
Organizational matters: organization of work**

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The third meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee will be held from 19 to 23 November 2007 at the Geneva International Conference Centre, 9–11 Rue de Varembe, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 19 November 2007.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2. Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments it may deem appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda as set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/1/Rev.2.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee will have before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair, Mr. Reiner Arndt (Germany) (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/1), and a tentative schedule for the week prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/2).
5. The Committee may wish to establish such ad hoc contact groups and drafting groups as it may deem necessary, specifying their mandates.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/1/Rev.2.

Item 3. Review of outcomes of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention relevant to the work of the Committee

6. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention relevant to the work of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note.

Item 4. Operational issues

(a) Naming of commercial products and mixtures

7. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the consideration of appropriate naming of mixtures and products which may be recommended for listing under Annexes A, B or C of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

(b) Listing of precursors

8. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the consideration of how the Committee might deal with precursors of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) if PFOS is recommended for listing under Annexes A, B or C of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/4). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

(c) Questions raised during the intersessional period and to be considered by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee: (i) submission of information specified in Annex F of the Convention: revision to the outline for risk management evaluations; (ii) communication to Parties of the recommendations of the Committee to amend the Convention by listing a chemical in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention; (iii) translation costs and document length

9. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on proposed revisions to the risk management evaluation outline related to Annex F information (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/6), communication to Parties of the recommendations of the Committee to amend the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/25) and considerations related to the translation costs and document length for risk profiles and risk management evaluations (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/19). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the notes and consider the possible action listed therein.

(d) Introduction of new members of the Committee and discussion of arrangements for the transition between outgoing and incoming members in the intersessional period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee

10. The Committee will have before it information on the proposals for new members (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/4). The Committee may wish to note the list of new members, welcome them to the Committee and consider how the transition between outgoing and incoming members during the intersessional period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee will be conducted, with particular consideration for the work of drafting groups.

(e) Standard workplan for the preparation, in the intersessional period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee, of: (i) a draft risk profile; and (ii) a draft risk management evaluation

11. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft workplans for the intersessional period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee for the possible preparation of a risk profile and risk management evaluations (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/7). The draft workplans are contained in the annex to the note. The Committee may wish to consider the draft workplans and adopt them with any amendments it may deem appropriate.

Item 5. Presentations on socio-economic considerations

12. The Committee will be provided with presentations on socio-economic considerations by invited experts and a background document related to the topic (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/6). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the presentations and the background

document and consider how this information might inform the evaluation of risk management information as outlined in Annex F of the Convention.

Item 6. Consideration of draft risk management evaluations

(a) Pentabromodiphenyl ether

13. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk management evaluation for pentabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/9), on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation for pentabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/11) and on other information related to uses and data sources provided by the intersessional working group on pentabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/23). The chair of the intersessional working group on pentabromodiphenyl ether will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/9.

(b) Chlordecone

14. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk management evaluation for chlordecone (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/10) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation for chlordecone (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/12). The chair of the intersessional working group on chlordecone will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/10.

(c) Hexabromobiphenyl

15. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk management evaluation for hexabromobiphenyl (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/11) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation for hexabromobiphenyl (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/13). The chair of the intersessional working group on hexabromobiphenyl will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/11.

(d) Lindane

16. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk management evaluation for lindane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/12) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation for lindane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/14). The chair of the intersessional working group on lindane will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/12.

(e) Perfluorooctane sulfonate

17. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk management evaluation for perfluorooctane sulfonate (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/13) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk management evaluation for perfluorooctane sulfonate (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/15). The chair of the intersessional working group on perfluorooctane sulfonate will be invited to present the draft risk management evaluation. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/13

Item 7. Presentation on environmental transport and modelling

18. The Committee will be provided with a background document (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/7) and a presentation by an invited expert on environmental transport of persistent organic pollutants and modelling used internationally to predict those movements. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the presentation and the background document and consider how this information might inform the evaluation of substances under discussion by the Committee.

Item 8. Bioaccumulation assessment

19. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/2) and detailed background information provided by Japan (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/8) on the consideration of how to assess bioaccumulation under Annex D of the Convention when the quantitative criteria are not fully met. The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the documents and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/2.

Item 9. Consideration of draft risk profiles

(a) Octabromodiphenyl ether

20. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk profile for octabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/14) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile for octabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/16). The chair of the intersessional working group on octabromodiphenyl ether will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/14.

(b) Pentachlorobenzene

21. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk profile for pentachlorobenzene (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/15), on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile for pentachlorobenzene (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/17) and on other information provided by the intersessional working group on pentachlorobenzene (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/21). The chair of the intersessional working group on pentachlorobenzene will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/15.

(c) Short-chained chlorinated paraffins

22. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk profile for short-chained chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/16), on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile for short-chained chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/18) and on detailed additional information provided by the intersessional working group on short-chained chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/22). The chair of the intersessional working group on short-chained chlorinated paraffins will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/16.

(d) Alpha hexachlorocyclohexane

23. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk profile for alpha hexachlorocyclohexane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/17) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile for alpha hexachlorocyclohexane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/19). The chair of the intersessional working group on alpha hexachlorocyclohexane will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/17.

(e) Beta hexachlorocyclohexane

24. The Committee will have before it notes by the Secretariat on the draft risk profile for beta hexachlorocyclohexane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/18) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile for beta hexachlorocyclohexane (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/20). The chair of the intersessional working group on beta hexachlorocyclohexane will be invited to present the draft risk profile. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/18.

Item 10. Consideration of a newly proposed chemical, endosulfan, for inclusion in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention

25. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat containing in its annex a proposal submitted by the European Community and its member States that are Parties to the Convention for listing endosulfan in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/5), a document containing background information on this proposal (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/9) and a note by the Secretariat on verification of whether the proposal contains the information specified in Annex D of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/10). An expert designated by the European Community and its member States that are Parties to the Convention will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/5.

Item 11. Other matters

26. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on support for effective participation in the work of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/8). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

27. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the roster of experts (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.3/INF/5). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

28. The term of membership of the current vice-chair of the Committee will end in May 2008. In order to ensure continuity, the Committee may wish to elect a new vice-chair to take over from May 2008.

29. Information will be presented to the Committee on the work undertaken by the ad hoc joint working group on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam conventions on possible collaboration between scientific committees.

30. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by members of the Committee during the course of the meeting.

Item 12. Dates and venue of the fourth meeting of the Committee

31. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the dates and venue of its fourth meeting.

Item 13. Adoption of the report

32. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

Item 14. Closure of the meeting

33. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair by 6 p.m. on Friday, 23 November 2007.
