



**United Nations  
Environment  
Programme**

Distr.: General  
24 August 2007

Original: English

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants  
Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee  
Third meeting  
Geneva, 19–23 November 2007  
Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*  
Operational issues**

**Draft workplans for the period between the third and fourth meetings  
of the Committee**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its first and second meetings, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee established ad hoc intersessional working groups to prepare draft risk profiles or draft risk management evaluations for chemicals under review.
2. In view of the number of chemicals still under review by the Committee, it is likely that the Committee at the current meeting will establish further ad hoc intersessional working groups for drafting relevant risk profiles and risk management evaluations.
3. To support the work of the ad hoc working groups, the Secretariat has prepared draft work plans for the preparation of any risk profiles and risk management evaluations that might be required during the period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee. It should be noted that the forthcoming intersessional period will be two weeks shorter than the previous one. The draft workplans are contained in the annex to the present note.

**Possible action by the Committee**

4. The Committee may wish to adopt, with any amendments it may deem necessary, the draft workplans set out in the annex to the present note for the preparation of draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations during the period between the third and fourth meetings of the Committee.

---

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

## Annex

### Draft workplans for the preparation of draft risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the period between the third and fourth meetings of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (2007–2008)

#### A. Draft workplan for the preparation of draft risk profiles

| Scheduled date   | Period from previous activity (weeks) | Activity (for each chemical under review)   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 23 November 2007 | -                                     | <b>The Committee</b> establishes an ad hoc working group.   |
| 27 November 2007 | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> requests Parties and observers to provide information specified in <b>Annex E</b> .  |
| 15 January 2008  | 7                                     | <b>The Secretariat</b> sends a reminder to Parties and observers regarding the request for information specified in <b>Annex E</b> .  |
| 5 February 2008  | 3                                     | <b>Parties and observers</b> submit <b>Annex E</b> information to the Secretariat.  |
| 25 March 2008    | 7                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> complete the <b>first draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the first draft and sends it to the chair: 18 March 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the first draft to the working group: 25 March 2008</li> </ul>   |
| 15 April 2008    | 3                                     | <b>The working group members</b> provide <b>comments on the first draft</b> to the chair and drafter.   |
| 29 April 2008    | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> complete review of the first comments from the working group and complete the <b>second draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the second draft and sends it to the chair: 25 April 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the second draft to the working group: 29 April 2008</li> </ul> |
| 13 May 2008      | 2                                     | <b>The working group members</b> provide <b>comments on the second draft</b> to the chair and drafter.  |
| 27 May 2008      | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> complete review of the second comments and complete the <b>third draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the third draft and sends it to the chair: 23 May 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the third draft to the Secretariat: 27 May 2008</li> </ul>                                |
| 30 May 2008      | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> distributes the third draft to Parties and observers for comments.   |
| 4 July 2008      | 5                                     | <b>Parties and observers</b> submit their <b>comments</b> to the Secretariat.   |
| 22 July 2008     | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> review the Party and observer comments and complete the <b>fourth draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the fourth draft and sends it to the chair: 18 July 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the fourth draft to the working group: 22 July 2008</li> </ul>                         |
| 29 July 2008     | 1                                     | <b>The working group members</b> provide <b>final comments</b> on the fourth draft to the chair and drafter.  |

|                        |    |   |
|------------------------|----|---|
| 12 August 2008         | 2  | <p><b>The working group chair and drafter</b> review the final comments and complete the <b><u>final draft</u></b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the final draft and sends it to the chair: 8 August 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the final draft to the Secretariat: 12 August 2008</li> </ul> |
| 15 August 2008         | <1 | <b>The Secretariat</b> sends the final draft to Conference Services for editing and translation.  |
| 1 October 2008         | 7  | <b>Conference Services</b> completes <b><u>editing and translation</u></b> .  |
| 6 October 2008         | <1 | <b>The Secretariat <u>distributes the final draft</u></b> risk profiles in the six official United Nations languages.   |
| <b>17–21 Nov. 2008</b> | 6  | <b>Fourth meeting of the Committee</b>  |

**B. Draft workplan for the preparation of draft risk management evaluations**

| Scheduled date   | Period from previous activity (weeks) | Activity (for each chemical under review)   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 23 November 2007 | -                                     | <b>The Committee</b> establishes an ad hoc working group.   |
| 27 November 2007 | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> requests Parties and observers for information specified in <b>Annex F</b> .   |
| 15 January 2008  | 7                                     | <b>The Secretariat</b> sends a reminder to Parties and observers regarding the request for information specified in <b>Annex F</b> .  |
| 5 February 2008  | 3                                     | <b>Parties and observers</b> submit <b>Annex F</b> information to the Secretariat.  |
| 25 March 2008    | 7                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> complete the <b>first draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the first draft and sends it to the chair: 18 March 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the first draft to the working group: 25 March 2008</li> </ul>   |
| 15 April 2008    | 3                                     | <b>The working group members</b> provide <b>comments on the first draft</b> to the chair and drafter.   |
| 29 April 2008    | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter complete</b> review of the first comments from the working group and complete the <b>second draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the second draft and sends it to the chair: 25 April 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the second draft to the working group: 29 April 2008</li> </ul> |
| 13 May 2008      | 2                                     | <b>The working group members</b> provide <b>comments on the second draft</b> to the chair and the drafter.  |
| 27 May 2008      | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter complete</b> review of the second comments and complete the <b>third draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the third draft and sends it to the chair: 23 May 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the third draft to the Secretariat: 27 May 2008</li> </ul>                                |
| 30 May 2008      | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> distributes the third draft to Parties and observers for comments.   |
| 4 July 2008      | 5                                     | <b>Parties and observers</b> submit their <b>comments</b> to the Secretariat.   |
| 22 July 2008     | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> review the Party and observer comments and complete the <b>fourth draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the fourth draft and sends it to the chair: 18 July 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the fourth draft to the working group: 22 July 2008</li> </ul>                         |
| 29 July 2008     | 1                                     | <b>The working group</b> members provide <b>final comments</b> on the fourth draft to the chair and drafter.  |
| 12 August 2008   | 2                                     | <b>The working group chair and drafter</b> review the final comments and complete the <b>final draft</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafter prepares the final draft and sends it to the chair: 8 August 2008</li> <li>• Chair sends the final draft to the Secretariat: 12 August 2008</li> </ul>  |
| 15 August 2008   | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> sends the final draft to Conference Services.  |
| 1 October 2008   | 7                                     | <b>Conference Services</b> completes <b>editing and translation</b> .   |
| 6 October 2008   | <1                                    | <b>The Secretariat</b> distributes the final draft risk management evaluations in the six official United Nations languages.  |
| 17-21 Nov. 2008  | 6                                     | <b>Fourth meeting of the Committee</b>  |