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**Operational issues: questions raised during the intersessional period
and to be considered by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee:
translation costs and document length**

Translation costs and document length

Note by the Secretariat

1. Based on the budget for translation approved by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting, the Secretariat has been obliged to restrict the length of draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations to a maximum of 20 pages. In addition, references have not been translated but are retained in the English language in translated documents. Where an original draft risk profile or draft risk management evaluation has exceeded 20 pages, it has been summarized and an information document produced containing the full text of the original draft, including tables, in English only.

Possible action by the Committee

2. The Committee may wish:
1. (a) To consider the appropriate document length for risk profiles and risk management evaluations;
 2. (b) To recommend an approach for restricting document size to a maximum of 20 pages;
 3. (c) To provide guidance to the Secretariat on how the translation of draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluations exceeding 20 pages might be addressed.

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