

STOCKHOLM CONVENTION

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Subject: Invitation to respond to an online questionnaire for the review of progress towards the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) by 30 September 2018

Dear Observers to the Stockholm Convention,

By decision SC-8/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants decided to undertake, at its ninth meeting, a review of progress towards the elimination of PCB in accordance with paragraph (h) of part II of Annex A to the Convention.

By the same decision, the Conference of the Parties established a small intersessional working group to prepare a report on progress towards the elimination of PCB for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. Colombia, as called for in paragraph 9 of that decision, is serving as lead country in the preparation of the report, and 24 experts nominated by Parties and others, as called for in paragraph 10 of that decision, are participating in the small intersessional working group.

According to part II of Annex A to the Convention, each Party shall provide a report on progress in eliminating PCB and submit it to the Conference of the Parties pursuant to Article 15, which shall be considered by the Conference of the Parties in its reviews relating to PCB. All Parties, if not yet done so, are encouraged to provide information on progress in eliminating PCB in their fourth national reports submitted pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention by 31 August 2018.

In addition, the above-mentioned small intersessional working group has prepared an online questionnaire for the review of progress towards the elimination of PCB to collect additional information from Parties and Observers to the Stockholm Convention. All Parties and Observers to the Convention are invited to respond to the questionnaire, either online or on the Word format, and submit the responses to the Secretariat by **30 September 2018**.

Online questionnaire:

- Please access the following link: <http://fs.pops.int/fs-PCBeliminationObs.aspx>;
- Please provide quantitative information in the enclosed Excel file and upload it on the online questionnaire (Q 3.2);

Word format:

- Please respond to the questions in the enclosed Word file and provide quantitative information in the enclosed Excel file and submit them to the Secretariat by email to: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org.
- Please also submit quantitative information in the enclosed Excel file.
- Only one submission per Party or one submission per Observer State or organization will be accepted.

For technical support and questions regarding this invitation, please contact Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org; Tel.: +41 22 917 8201).

Thank you very much for your cooperation and contribution to this important work of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

Enclosures:

- Questionnaire for the review of progress towards the elimination of PCB (Word file)
- Q3.2_PCB quantitative data (Excel file)