

## SC-11/7: Implementation plans

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting* the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC-11/17, on the effectiveness evaluation, as they relate to implementation plans,

1. *Welcomes* the implementation plans transmitted by Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
2. *Urges* those Parties that have not developed or updated their implementation plans to enhance their efforts to do so and transmit their plans as soon as possible;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Takes note* of the draft guidance on inventories and alternatives to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants<sup>2</sup> and other guidance available to support the development and updating of the national implementation plans for the Stockholm Convention;<sup>3</sup>
4. *Also takes note* of the guide for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention and the introductory manual on the Stockholm Convention,<sup>4</sup>
5. *Further takes note* of the document setting out a draft global approach to the review and updating of national implementation plans pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention that addresses the barriers identified by Parties in order to ensure sustainability in the development, review and updating of national implementation plans;<sup>5</sup>
6. *Invites* Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 October 2023, comments on the guidance and the document setting out a draft global approach referred to in paragraphs 3–5 of the present decision;
7. *Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal to review the waste-related aspects of the guidance referred to in paragraph 3 of the present decision and to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 October 2023, comments thereon;
8. *Takes note* of the electronic templates for the reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans in a manner harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention, developed in cooperation with the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme, encourages Parties to pilot test the templates and invites them to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 October 2023, comments on the electronic templates;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:
  - (a) To continue to support Parties to develop, review and update national implementation plans;
  - (b) To continue, in consultation with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, as appropriate, to further revise the guidance referred to in paragraph 3 of the present decision, taking into account the comments received pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present decision;
  - (c) To identify further need for guidance and tools to support Parties in developing and updating their national implementation plans and develop guidance and tools as appropriate;
  - (d) To continue to support the improvement of the electronic templates for the reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans in a manner

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/20.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/21, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/22.

<sup>3</sup> <http://chw.pops.int/tabid/7730/Default.aspx>.

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/28, UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/29.

<sup>5</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/23.

harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention, as appropriate, taking into account the comments received from Parties pursuant to paragraph 8 of the present decision;

10. *Also requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting:

(a) Guidance on preparing inventories of the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11;

(b) Guidance on alternatives to the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11.