

SC-7/2: DDT

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report by the DDT expert group on the assessment of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control, including the conclusions and recommendations contained therein;¹
2. *Concludes* that countries that are relying on indoor residual spraying for disease vector control may need DDT for such uses in specific settings where locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives are still lacking for a sustainable transition away from DDT;
3. *Notes* the necessity of providing technical, financial and other assistance to developing countries, least developed countries, small island developing States and countries with economies in transition for a transition away from reliance on DDT for disease vector control, with due priority accorded to:
 - (a) Targeted application of indoor residual spraying to ensure the judicious use of resources, including DDT;
 - (b) Ensuring adequate national policy and management capacity for translating international best practices on disease vector control;
 - (c) Identifying and disposing of obsolete DDT stockpiles towards the complete elimination of such stocks;
4. *Recognizes* that indoor residual spraying for the control of vectors of leishmaniasis should use DDT only if locally available, safe, effective and affordable alternatives to DDT are not available;
5. *Decides* to evaluate the continued need for DDT for disease vector control on the basis of available scientific, technical, environmental and economic information, including that provided by the DDT expert group, at its eighth meeting, with the objective of accelerating the identification and development of locally appropriate, cost-effective and safe alternatives;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to support the process for the reporting on and assessment and evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control, as set out in annex I to decision SC-3/2, pursuant to paragraph 6 of part II of Annex B to the Convention, and to assist parties to promote locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives for a sustainable transition away from DDT;
7. *Welcomes* the existing collaboration with the World Health Organization and invites its continued collaboration in the process for the reporting on and assessment and evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control referred to in paragraph 6 above and in any other manner that may support the Conference of Parties in future evaluations of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and in promoting suitable alternatives to DDT for disease vector control;
8. *Adopts* the list of parties to be invited to nominate experts to serve as members of the DDT expert group for terms of office of four years commencing on 1 September 2015 set out in the annex to the present decision;
9. *Takes note* of the report by the United Nations Environment Programme on the preparation of a road map for the development of alternatives to DDT,² endorses the key elements of the road map, set out in annex II to the note by the Secretariat on the evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and promotion of alternatives to DDT,³ invites the United Nations Environment Programme to lead the implementation of the road map in consultation with the World Health Organization, the DDT expert group and the Secretariat, and invites the United Nations Environment Programme to report on progress in the implementation of the road map to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/5.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/6.

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.7/5.

10. *Also takes note* of the report by the United Nations Environment Programme on progress in the implementation of the Global Alliance for the Development and Deployment of Products, Methods and Strategies as Alternatives to DDT for Disease Vector Control⁴ and invites the United Nations Environment Programme to report on progress in the implementation of the Global Alliance to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to participate in the activities of the Global Alliance;

12. *Invites* Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, industry bodies and other stakeholders to provide technical and financial resources to support the work of the Global Alliance, including the activities contained in the road map.

Annex to decision SC-7/2

List of parties selected by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting to nominate DDT expert group members with terms of office commencing on 1 September 2015

African States

Gabon

South Africa

Asian-Pacific States

India

Pakistan

Central and Eastern European States

Armenia

Serbia

Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil

Peru

Western European and other States

[*To be identified*]

⁴ UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/7.