

**Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants**

اتفاقية استكهولم بشأن الملوثات العضوية الثابتة · 关于持久性有机污染物的斯德哥尔摩公约 · Convention de Stockholm sur les polluants organiques persistants
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Subject: Subject: Decision SC-5/14, paragraph 6 and 7a), b), c) and d) on National Implementation Plans (NIPs)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

As a follow to decision SC-5/14 adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its fifth meeting, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and with the financial support of the Global Environment Facility has updated relevant existing guidance and developed new guidance to assist parties in the process of developing, reviewing and updating National Implementation Plans under the Convention.

We are thus pleased to inform you that the above mentioned updated and new guidance documents are now available on our website and can be downloaded from the following link: <http://chm.pops.int/Implementation/NIPs/Guidance/tabid/587/Default.aspx>. A list of the available guidance documents is attached in the Annex to this letter.

We take the opportunity to invite you to provide comments on the above mentioned guidance documents by 31 January 2013. The comments received will be made available to the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

If you have any questions or face any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at: ta@pops.int.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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