

POPRC-7/8: Assessment of alternatives to DDT

The Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee,

Recalling decision SC-5/6, by which the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requested the Committee, beginning at its eighth meeting, to assess the alternatives to DDT in accordance with the general guidance on considerations related to alternatives and substitutes for listed persistent organic pollutants and candidate chemicals¹ on the basis of factual information provided by parties and observers,

Having reviewed the background information on the assessment of alternatives to DDT,²

Having identified additional information necessary to assess the alternatives to DDT,

Recognizing that the DDT expert group established under the Stockholm Convention assesses the information on the production and use of DDT and its alternatives to facilitate evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control by the Conference of the Parties in consultation with the World Health Organization,

1. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc working group to undertake the activities requested in paragraph 9 of the annex to decision SC-5/6 to assess the chemical alternatives recommended by the World Health Organization for disease vector control and agrees to work in accordance with the workplan set out in annex I to the present decision;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate access to information on alternatives to DDT;
3. *Invites* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide technical and financial resources to support the Committee in employing a consultant to carry out the activities requested in paragraph 9 of the annex to decision SC-5/6.

Annex I to decision POPRC-7/8

Workplan for the assessment of alternatives to DDT

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Person or persons responsible</i>	<i>Timing</i>
Develop a methodology for the assessment of persistent organic pollutant characteristics.	Working group members	30 October 2011–31 January 2012
Assess the persistent organic pollutant characteristics of the chemical alternatives identified in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/INF/19 and prepare a draft report.	Chair/drafter	1 February 2012–28 May 2012
Send the draft report to the intersessional working group members	Secretariat	1 June 2012
Provide comments on the draft report.	Working group members	22 June 2012
Provide the revised draft report to Secretariat.	Chair/drafter	6 July 2012
Distribute the revised draft report	Secretariat	3 September 2012
Review and finalize the report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting	Committee	Eighth meeting of the Committee: 15–19 October 2012

Annex II to decision POPRC-7/8

Terms of reference for the intersessional work

1. Develop a methodology for the assessment of persistent organic pollutant characteristics of chemical alternatives to DDT.

1 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10/Add.1.

2 UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/INF/19.

2. Assess the persistent organic pollutant characteristics of the chemical alternatives identified in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.7/INF/19.
 3. Provide a report for the consideration of the Committee at its eighth meeting.
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