

**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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**To: Stockholm Convention Official Contact Points  
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**Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva**

**Subject: Invitation to submit comments to the POPs Review Committee on the draft guidance document on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and its derivatives**

At its fourth meeting in May 2009, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention decided to amend Annex B of the Convention to list perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride.

In light of this amendment and in response to the needs expressed by Parties, the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee established an intersessional working group to develop guidance on perfluorooctane sulfonate alternatives. The outline of the guidance was agreed at the fifth meeting of the Committee in October 2009. The outline is contained in annex V to the report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.5/10), which is available on the Convention's website:  
<http://www.pops.int/poprc/>.

In accordance with the workplan agreed in decision POPRC-5/2, the intersessional working group has developed a draft guidance document on alternatives to perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and its derivatives. The draft is attached to this letter.

You are invited to **review and provide your technical comments on the draft** to the POPs Review Committee by **31 May 2010**.

Submissions are most appreciated in electronic files by e-mail to: [ssc@pops.int](mailto:ssc@pops.int) and [kohno@pops.int](mailto:kohno@pops.int)

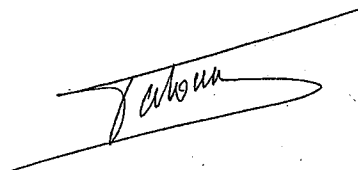
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If you have any further questions regarding this invitation or if you would like to receive hard copies of the documents from the POPs Review Committee, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Kei Ohno (e-mail: kohno@pops.int; telephone +41 22 917 8201).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fatoumata', is written over a horizontal line that extends to the left and right.

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Attachment