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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:
technical assistance**

Guidance on technical assistance**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Paragraph 3 of Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention states
“[T]echnical assistance to be provided by developed country Parties, and other Parties in accordance with their capabilities, shall include, as appropriate and as mutually agreed, technical assistance for capacity-building relating to implementation of the obligations under this Convention. Further guidance in this regard shall be provided by the Conference of the Parties.”
2. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties, by decision SC-1/15, adopted guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies, which is set out in the annex to the decision. The decision requested the Secretariat to transmit the guidance to Parties, donors, relevant intergovernmental organizations and the entity or entities participating in the financial mechanism, for their consideration when developing and implementing their work programmes, and to report on progress in application of the guidance to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. As requested, the Secretariat has transmitted the guidance to Parties, donors, relevant intergovernmental organizations and the Global Environment Facility for their consideration when developing and implementing their work programmes. The guidance is available on the Convention’s home page: www.pops.int.

* UNEP/POPS/COP.2/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 12; Report of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/15.

4. As of 31 December 2005, the Secretariat has not received any information from Parties or others regarding the application of the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies and has not been made aware of any issues that have arisen regarding their application.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The Conference may wish:

(a) To invite Parties, relevant international organizations and nongovernmental organizations to provide information to the Secretariat on their experiences in implementing the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of technology adopted by the Conference in decision SC-1/15;

(b) To request the Secretariat to submit a report, based on the information to be provided pursuant to (a) above and any other pertinent information, on progress in the application of the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technology.
