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**Matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties:
measures to reduce or eliminate release from unintentional
production: identification and quantification of releases**

**Ongoing review and updating of the standardized toolkit for
identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases****

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its seventh session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an Internationally Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants, in paragraph 4 of its decision INC-7/5, requested the Secretariat to develop, for consideration by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a proposal for the ongoing review and updating of the standardized toolkit for identification and quantification of dioxin and furan releases (the “Toolkit”).
2. In response to the request in decision INC-7/5, the Secretariat, in cooperation with UNEP Chemicals, developed the following suggested elements of a process for the ongoing review and updating of the Toolkit:
 - (a) Parties and others would be requested to provide the Secretariat with data and information to assist in the review and updating of the Toolkit on a regular basis;
 - (b) The Secretariat would revise, update and reissue the Toolkit as necessary;
 - (c) The Secretariat would work with UNEP Chemicals, which would be responsible for technical content, quality control and quality assurance, to develop reviews of release inventories based on the Toolkit and to manage the relevant information for its review and updating;
 - (d) The Secretariat would provide reports at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made in the review and updating of the Toolkit;

* UNEP/POPS/COP.2/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 5 and Annex C; report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the work of its seventh session (UNEP/POPS/INC.7/28), annex I, decision INC-7/5; report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31, paragraph 39).

(e) The Conference of the Parties would consider the progress reports and any revised or updated versions of the Toolkit for possible decision.

3. The process for the amendment or revision of the Toolkit would be open, transparent and inclusive, would preferably be undertaken through electronic means and consultations as necessary, and would involve the review and evaluation of information provided.

4. Because of the volume of work before it, the Conference of the Parties was unable to take up the item on Toolkit, including issues related to its review and updating, at its first meeting and agreed that it would be placed on the agenda for its next meeting (report of the meeting, paragraph 39).

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

5. The Conference of the Parties may wish:

(a) To request the Secretariat, in consultation with UNEP Chemicals, to initiate the process for the review and updating of the Toolkit;

(b) To request Parties and others to provide data and information to assist in the review and updating of the Toolkit;

(c) To request the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties on progress;

(d) To request the Secretariat to amend or revise the Toolkit as necessary for consideration and possible decision by the Conference of the Parties and, in such an event, to reissue any amended or revised Toolkit;

(e) To consider options for developing and verifying emission factors to improve the present database, with special emphasis on activities undertaken in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and for training in the use of the Toolkit;

(f) To invite Parties and other donors with a capacity to do so to provide additional funding to support the work in subparagraph (e) above;

(g) To encourage Parties and others to include in their measurement and monitoring programmes the determination of mass concentrations of not only polychlorinated dibenzo-para-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs), but also of hexachlorobenzene (HCB) and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), in order to enhance the database.
