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**Matters for consideration or action by the Conference of the Parties:
measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes**

**Submission by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention of
technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management
of persistent organic pollutants as wastes**

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note contains a letter from the Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, Ms. Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto, on the submission of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants as wastes. The technical guidelines referred to in the letter are reproduced in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/7 and considered in document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/9. The letter is being circulated as submitted by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and has not been formally edited.

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Annex



3 April 2007

Subject: Submission of Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) as Wastes

Dear Mr. Ogden,

I am pleased to inform you that by decision VIII/16 the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Wastes and Their Disposal adopted the following technical guidelines:

- (a) Updated general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants (POPs);
- (b) Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis(4-chlorophenyl)ethane (DDT);
- (c) Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene (HCB), mirex or toxaphene or with HCB as an industrial chemical;
- (d) Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs), HCB or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs);
- (e) Updated technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with PCBs, polychlorinated terphenyls (PCTs) or polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs).

In accordance with paragraph 4 of decision VIII/16, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention is requested to submit that decision and the technical guidelines to the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its third meeting through the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and invited the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention to consider them. Please kindly find attached the above technical guidelines for your attention and further action.

I wish to highlight that, in paragraph 6 of decision VIII/16, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention noted that, having considered comments compiled by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, it was not practical or feasible for the time being to consider further, at the level of the Basel Convention, a methodology for further definition of low persistent organic

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pollutant content and of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation and that concerns expressed during its discussions on the issue might be better addressed through further work, as described in paragraph 7 of the decision. In paragraph 7 of decision VIII/16, the Conference agreed that a review of the definition of low persistent organic pollutant content and of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation would be included in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2007–2008, if appropriate.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all Parties to the Stockholm Convention and the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and UNEP Chemicals for their active participation and invaluable contribution towards the development of these technical guidelines. With their involvement, coherence in contents and high quality products were ensured. We welcome their continuous involvement and cooperation in this area including the effective implementation of these technical guidelines at the national and regional levels.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto'.

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