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

**Compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on the  
draft terms of reference for selecting regional and subregional  
centres for capacity–building and the transfer of technology  
under the Stockholm Convention\*\***

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. By paragraph 4 of its decision SC-2/9, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to develop draft terms of reference for the process of selecting regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting. In undertaking that task, the Secretariat was requested to consult with Stockholm Convention contact points and with the existing regional and subregional centres and their host organizations that provide technical assistance and technology transfer with respect to chemicals and wastes issues.
2. In the course of that consultation, the Secretariat received submissions from the following Parties to the Convention: Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, China, Norway and Slovakia. Those submissions have been reproduced in annex to the present note without formal editing.

\* UNEP/POPS/COP.3/1.

\*\* Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Article 12; reports on the work of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/15 and at its second meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/9.

## Annex

### Submission by Antigua and Barbuda



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**Re: Request on Decision SC-2/9 (paragraph 4)**

Dear Sir/Madam

In response to your request for information to be included in the terms of reference outlined in Decision SC-2/5 (paragraph 4) The Environment Division, Focal point for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, does not have any additional points for inclusion in the Terms of Reference however Antigua and Barbuda would like emphasized the importance of the following points specifically as it applies to the Caribbean Region.

1. The terms of reference should examine the location of the centers in relation to other parties in the region as islands in some cases are located over 1500 miles from each other.
2. The terms of reference should examine the communication problems which could exist in terms of the language barriers. The Caribbean comprises parties that are not only English but also French and Spanish speaking which in some cases makes it difficult to achieve project goals.

We continue to work to fulfill our mandate under this convention and should there be any further assistance needed from our offices we may be contacted as indicated above.

Sincerest Regard

  
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Chief Environment Officer

## Submission by Brazil

**Subject: Follow up to decision SC-2/9 on technical assistance: views on key elements to be included in the terms of reference for the process of selecting regional and subregional centers for capacity-building and transfer of technology.**

Considering the request from the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on technical assistance, the Brazilian Government believes that the following elements should be taken into account for the selection of regional and subregional centers for capacity-building and transfer of technology:

- Previous experience in technical assistance, capacity building, consulting and technology transfer, at the regional level, in the area of environmentally sound chemicals management;
- Experience in the management and dissemination of information in the area of management of hazardous chemicals and chemical wastes, particularly in raising public awareness with regard to the risks caused by hazardous chemicals;
- Installed and established infrastructure, with laboratory capacity for analyzing wastes, particularly persistent organic pollutants (POPs), development of laboratory procedure: analytical data control, testing methods;
- The institution should be capable of providing training sessions, own computers, telephones and other basic means of communication, suitable meeting rooms and provide for visitor safety;
- Capacity to develop exchange programmes (students, professors, specialists), fellowship programmes;
- Highly qualified technical personnel, with recognized competence in the area of action of the Convention;
- Capacity of communicating in English;
- Capacity to identify, document and implement actions and practices that help the region to promote the environmentally sound management of its hazardous wastes, particularly POPs;
- Experience in the identification, inventorying and cleaning of contaminated areas, particularly with POPs;
- Experience in the application and monitoring of legislation involving hazardous chemical wastes;
- Accredited at Standards and Quality Institutions;
- Stable organizational structure and experience in the mobilization of financial resources in order to ensure implementation of projects and programs with financial feasibility and sustainability;
- Experience in the development of partnerships and technical, scientific and financial cooperation agreements with public and private institutions, national and international non-governmental organizations;
- Renowned excellence in the region in the issues covered by the Convention;
- Institutional responsibility with the Convention obligations, while they remain government commitments;
- Knowledge and practice in the use and promotion of Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices (BAT/BEP);
- Strategic location in the region in order to ensure ease of access and suitable infrastructure conditions (international airport close to the center, electricity, telephone, internet access, banking services, good accommodation in hotels, medical services);
- Centers should have renowned technical competence, with highly qualified personnel, capable of providing scientific support to technical assistance projects and programs in the area of the Convention and other environment related agreements that are of interest to the region.

## Submission by China

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## FACSIMILE SHEET

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**Subject:** Responses to Information Requested in the Decisions of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its Second Meeting

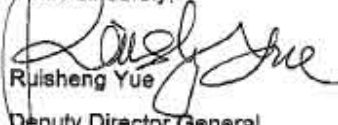
Dear Mr. Maged Younes:

Pursuant to the decisions of POPs COP2, please find attached China's responses to the following issues (an e-version of this questionnaire has been sent to your E-mail address):

- Views on the key elements for the process of selecting regional and subregional centers for capacity-building and transfer of technology;
- Views on the further elaboration of the terms of reference for work on assessment of funding needs for Parties that are developing countries or Parties with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2006–2010;
- Comments on the draft prepared by the Secretariat of a strategic plan for establishing procedures for the clearing-house mechanism; and information exchange needs and priorities for the period 2008–2011.

Thank you very much for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**B. Views on the key elements to be included in the terms of reference for the process of selecting regional and sub-regional centers for capacity-building and transfer of technology (SC-2/9)**

1. The candidate institute should have research and development expertise on POPs related sciences and technologies, especially having technical practices in major areas listed in the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies of the Stockholm Convention.
2. The candidate institute should have adequate experiences in provision of capacity building and technical transfer of environmentally sound technologies in areas related to POPs Convention, which will provide sound performance in those areas.
3. The candidate institute should have good condition and infrastructure for carrying out the tasks, such as buildings, communication and internet equipment, traffic conveniences etc.
4. The potential competence and service of candidate institute can be easily utilized by countries in the region, and make significant global contribution on capacity building and technical transfer of environmentally sound technologies for implementation of the Stockholm Convention.
5. The host country should be highly committed to and engaged in the implementation of the Convention. The experiences of the country will be valuable for the region.
6. The host country attaches importance to the center and would provides necessary support to it.
7. The candidate institute would have the capacity to mobilize co-financing resources to promote the capacity building and environmentally sound technologies transfer for implementation of the Stockholm Convention.

## Submission by Norway

### **Follow up to the decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its second meeting - comments from Norway to request 3 and 8 from the Secretariat**

#### **Request 3: Decision SC-2/9 Technical assistance (paragraph 4)**

Norway wants to emphasise the importance of an effective process to select centres that meet the criteria in the terms of reference decided by COP2 (Annex I to decision SC-2/9). The importance of synergies with existing centres, in particular the centres of the Basel Convention, should be stressed in the process of selecting regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology. The terms of reference for the process of selecting regional and subregional centres therefore should explicitly promote synergies and co-operation in administrative tasks and programmes in the conventions on chemicals and hazardous wastes. This could be done by stating the identification of synergies and co-operative elements as a necessary step in the selection process. A rule of preference for centres in other relevant conventions, all other things being equal, could also be a part of these terms of reference.

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**Submission by Slovakia**

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Issue

**Implementation of the Stockholm convention on POPs – answer regarding Request 3**

Dear Ms Younes,

On the base your letter from 22 June 2006 regarding the next work based on the COP-2 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in conjunction with your request 3 focused in the field of the communication regarding the key elements to be included in the terms of reference for the process of selecting regional by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting we would like to advice you following statement:

Based on the consultation with relevant national experts with the experience from the area of the co-operation at the existing Regional Centre of the Basel Convention at Slovak Environmental Agency we propose following activities:

- review of the existing professional background with the connection to requested synergy
- practical experiences with the relevant work in the region
- realisation of the long-term and short-term (workshops) regional projects
- to be fully equipped with the necessary personal computers, with installed updated software, with installed and operational communication facilities including telephone and fax lines and reliable internet connections
- highly qualified technical personnel
- separate bank account
- institutional background
- to be able to identify the regional priorities
- to declare the efficiency and effectiveness in the field of capacity building and technology transfer
- to be able to provide technical assistance and dissemination of information
- national legislation database creation, national implementation plans
- national focal points database creation
- co-operation with others SCRC, MEAs
- co-operation with regional NGOs
- preparation and submission of requested documents – professional and financial – based on COP SC decisions or donor institutions
- projects co-ordination

With best regards

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