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To: Stockholm Convention official contact points

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Bureau members of the Conference of the Parties

CC: Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Offices in Geneva

Subject: Follow-up to decision SC-3/19 on effectiveness evaluation:

Call for nomination of members of the regional organization groups for persistent

organic pollutant monitoring

Dear colleagues,

At its third session, held 30 April–4 May 2007 in Dakar, Senegal, the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention adopted decision SC-3/19, on effectiveness evaluation, by which it adopted a global monitoring plan on persistent organic pollutants and an implementation plan for the first effectiveness evaluation; established regional organization groups to facilitate the regional implementation of the two plans; and invited Parties, through their respective bureau members, to nominate members of the regional organization groups with expertise in monitoring and data evaluation. Copies of the decision, the global monitoring plan and the implementation plan are attached for ease of reference.

We write to you now to ask you, in accordance with the Conference's invitation, to send to your regional bureau members a letter of nomination and curriculum vitae for an expert from your country with experience in monitoring and data evaluation whom you would like to nominate as a member of the regional organization group for your region.

For the purpose of the global monitoring plan, the five United Nations regions are to be considered and each regional organization group will comprise six members. It is important to ensure in the selection process as much as possible that subregions are fairly represented on the regional organization groups and the regional organization groups have the expertise necessary to implement the global monitoring plan in compliance with the implementation plan for the first effectiveness evaluation and to elaborate the regional monitoring reports.

You are invited to submit the letter of nomination to your regional bureau members, with a copy to the Secretariat, as soon as possible but not later than **15 July 2007.** It is expected that the regional bureau will make a final selection of members by **30 July 2007.** A list of the addresses of the bureau members is attached for your reference.

Please let Fatoumata Keita Ouane on my staff know if you have any questions: tel: +41 22 917 8161, fax: +41 22 917 80 98 or email: fouane@pops.int

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments: -Address list of the regional bureau members

- -Decision SC-3/19 on effectiveness evaluation
- -Global monitoring plan on persistent organic pollutants as amended by the -Conference of the Parties at its third meeting
- -Implementation plan for the first effectiveness evaluation as amended by the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting