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Operational procedures

**Possible elements of work plans for chemicals being considered for
inclusion in Annexes A, B and C****

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision 1/7, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention established the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and adopted terms of reference for the Committee as set out in the annex to the decision.
2. The procedure for listing new chemicals in Annexes A, B and C to the Convention is set out in Article 8 and Annexes D, E and F of the Convention.¹ Pursuant to paragraph 6 of Article 8, the Committee shall prepare a risk profile in accordance with Annex E for each of the chemicals for which it has decided that the screening criteria in Annex D have been fulfilled.
3. According to paragraph 24 of the annex to decision 1/7, the Committee shall develop work plans for the preparation of the risk profiles. That paragraph reads as follows:

“The Committee shall work in an efficient and timely manner and shall set priorities on chemicals, having regard to its work load. For each chemical under consideration, the Committee shall establish a work plan with time frames. Work plans shall be flexible and take into account the work load and the need to acquire sufficient information from relevant stakeholders. The Committee shall submit its work plans to each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties.”

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 8; Report of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision 1/7 and annex to the decision.

¹ The note by the Secretariat outlining the procedure for listing chemicals in Annexes A, B and C (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/3) contains flow charts illustrating the procedure.

4. A draft outline of such work plans for possible consideration by the Committee is provided in the annex to the present note.
5. The Committee may also wish to discuss its operational procedures for the work that needs to be carried out in the intersessional period, i.e., before the next meeting of the Committee, which is expected to take place in November 2006. Work plans for the intersessional period are to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting, scheduled for 1–5 May 2006.

Annex

Possible outline of chemical work plans under the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. Description of the work;
 2. Mandate for the work;
 3. Lead member or members for coordinating the completion of the work;
 4. Schedule for the completion of the work;
 5. Committee's priority on the chemical.
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