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Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee
First meeting**

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Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1. Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee will be held from 7 to 11 November 2005 in the Geneva International Conference Centre, Rue de Varembe 15, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 7 November 2005.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of a Vice-Chair

3. The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair from among its members in accordance with paragraph 20 of its terms of reference, which are contained in the annex to decision SC-1/7, taken at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31, annex I). The Vice-Chair will also be invited to serve as the Rapporteur for the meeting.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

4. The Committee is invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments it may deem appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda as set out in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/1.

(c) Organization of work

5. The Committee will have before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair, Mr. Reiner Arndt (Germany) (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/1), and a tentative schedule for the week prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/2).

6. The Committee may wish to establish such ad hoc contact groups and drafting groups as it may deem necessary, specifying their mandates.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/1.

Item 3. Review of the role and mandate of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

7. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the process for reviewing chemicals proposed for inclusion in Annexes A, B and C, as described in Article 8 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note.

Item 4. Operational procedures

Screening criteria in Annex D

8. The Committee will review the screening criteria in Annex D.

How the first twelve POPs met the screening criteria

9. The Secretariat will give a short presentation on how the 12 chemicals currently listed in Annexes A, B and C of the Convention fulfil the screening criteria. The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented.

Risk management options

10. The Secretariat will give a short presentation regarding the risk management options provided for in the Convention. The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented.

Confidentiality of data

11. The Committee has before it notes by the Secretariat on confidentiality arrangements for the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/2) and on confidentiality procedures and arrangements under selected international agreements and forums (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/13). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the notes and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/2.

Criteria for selection of experts from the roster

12. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on criteria for selection of experts from the roster to support the Committee in its work (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

Verification that proposals contain Annex D information

13. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the process to verify whether a proposal pursuant for listing a chemical in Annexes A, B or C contains the information specified in Annex D (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/4). The Committee may wish to take note of the information contained in the note.

Work plans

14. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on possible elements of work plans to be developed by the Committee for chemicals under its consideration (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/11). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note and take it into consideration in the development of such work plans.

Format for submission of information specified in Annex E

15. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the format for submission of information specified in Annex E to be taken into account in the development of draft risk profiles (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/4). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the note and consider the possible action listed therein.

Item 5. Consideration of chemicals proposed for inclusion in Annexes A, B and C of the Convention

16. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the legal status in other international forums of the chemicals under consideration by the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/10). The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented therein.

(a) Pentabromodiphenyl ether (PBDE)

17. The Committee has before it a proposal by Norway for listing pentabromodiphenyl ether in Annex A of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/5) and a summary of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/5). An expert designated by Norway will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/5.

(b) Chlordecone

18. The Committee has before it a proposal by the European Community and its member States that are Party to the Convention for listing chlordecone in Annex A of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/6) and a summary of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/6). An expert designated by the European Community will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/6.

(c) Hexabromobiphenyl

19. The Committee has before it a proposal by the European Community and its member States that are Party to the Convention for listing hexabromobiphenyl in Annex A of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/7) and a summary of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/7). An expert designated by the European Community will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/7.

(d) Lindane

20. The Committee has before it a proposal by Mexico for listing lindane in Annex A of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/8) and a summary of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/8). An expert designated by Mexico will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/8.

(e) Perfluorooctane sulfonate

21. The Committee has before it a proposal by Sweden for listing perfluorooctane sulfonate in Annex A of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/INF/9) and a summary of the proposal prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/9). An expert designated by Sweden will be invited to present the proposal. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and the presentation and consider the possible action listed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.1/9.

Item 6. Other matters

22. The Committee may wish to consider the date of its second meeting, taking into account paragraph 26 of its terms of reference.

23. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by members of the Committee in the course of the meeting.

Item 7. Adoption of the report

24. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report prepared by the Rapporteur.

Item 8. Closure of the meeting

25. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair by 6 p.m. on Friday, 11 November 2005.