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Operational procedures

Criteria for selection of experts from the roster**

Note by the Secretariat

1. By decision SC-1/7, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention established the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and adopted the terms of reference of the Committee contained in the annex to the decision (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31, annex I).
2. Paragraph 10 of the terms of reference provides for the establishment of a roster of experts who are not members of the Committee that the Committee may invite to support it in its work. Parties may designate experts for inclusion in the roster, noting their areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge.
3. According to paragraph 11 of the terms of reference, the Committee shall establish and apply criteria for the selection of experts from the roster to provide the needed expertise. The criteria shall be approved by the Conference of the Parties.
4. Based on the terms of reference, in particular paragraph 2, the Secretariat, after consultation with the Chair of the Committee, suggests the following criteria for the selection of experts from the roster for consideration by the Committee. In selecting experts from the roster, the Committee may wish to take into consideration:
 - (a) Areas of expertise or specific substance knowledge needed to support its work;
 - (b) The balance between developed and developing countries.

* 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 SC-1/7 and annex to the decision, paragraphs 10–11.

Possible action by the Committee

5. The Committee may wish:

- (a) To adopt, with any amendments it deems appropriate, the criteria listed in paragraph 4, above;
 - (b) To submit the criteria to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting for its consideration and possible approval.
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