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NOMINATION OF AN INSTITUTION TO SERVE AS STOCKHOLM CONVENTION REGIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL CENTRES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

At its third meeting the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants adopted decision SC-3/12 terms of reference for the selection of the regional and sub regional centres for capacity-building and transfer of environmentally sound technologies under the Convention. The following is the process for nominating regional and sub regional centres for capacity building and the transfer of environmentally sound technology as set forth in paragraph 5 of the annex to decision SC- 3/12.

- a. “ Each of the United Nations regions will nominate, as soon as practicable, institutions from within the region which are willing to serve as regional and/or sub regional centres to provide technical assistance and promote the transfer of technology to developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Such institutions shall be known as “nominated Stockholm Convention Centres.” The nominations should take into account, inter alia:
 - (i) The ability of such institutions to fulfil the technical assistance and technology transfer needs and priorities identified in the annex to decision SC-1/15 (ii) Compliance with the terms of reference for the centres set forth in annex I of decision SC-2/9;
 - (iii) The promotion of efficiency and effective use of resources;
 - (iv) The need for enhanced cooperation and coordination among existing centres in the area of chemicals management;
- b. The Basel Convention regional centres, as well as other existing institutions within the chemicals and waste cluster, may be encouraged to serve as regional and sub regional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology under the Stockholm Convention;
- c. The secretariat will verify in consultation with the bureau that the nominated Stockholm Convention centres meet the criteria contained in decisions SC-1/15 and SC-2/9;
- d. Each nominated Stockholm Convention centre may develop a work plan through a process of regional or sub regional consultation;
- e. Each of the nominated Stockholm Convention centres will, in consultation with stakeholders, develop project proposals for submission to the financial mechanism and other potential sources of assistance. Such project proposals shall include the following elements:
 - (i) A full project proposal with objectives, a working plan, a budget, a description of the intended geographical scope and an evaluation plan, which should be consistent with the guidance to the financial mechanism adopted by the Conference of the Parties;
 - (ii) Relevant endorsement letters from eligible Parties included in the project;
 - (iii) Information concerning any sources for financing of the project and, where relevant, letters pledging such support;

- f. In accordance with the eligibility criteria in decision SC-1/9, support from the Global Environment Facility for projects proposed by developing countries or countries with economies in transition in collaboration with nominated Stockholm Convention centres located in developed countries would be limited to activities undertaken within developing countries and countries with economies in transition, with the objective of building institutional capacity in order to facilitate regional/sub-regional institutional ownership;
- g. At its next meeting, the Conference of the Parties will consider the endorsement of the nominated Stockholm Convention centres as Stockholm Convention regional or sub-regional centres;
- h. Without prejudice to future decisions, the process of nominating centres to serve as regional and sub regional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of environmentally sound technology under the Stockholm Convention may be facilitated by the Secretariat as appropriate and will be done within existing budgetary resources.”

In accordance with decision SC-3/12 all nominated Stockholm Convention Centres are requested to submit, using the attached format, a report which explains the status and components set forth in decision SC-2/9 and the annex to that decision. Completed forms and any additional relevant information should be sent to:

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FORMAT FOR PROVIDING RELEVANT INFORMATION PURSUANT TO DECISION SC-3/12 BY NOMINATED STOCKHOLM CONVENTION CENTRES

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of institution:

REGIONAL ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR CLEANER PRODUCTION (CP/RAC)

MEDITERRANEAN ACTION PLAN (MAP)

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP)

2. Name of person in charge of institution:

Ms. Virginia Alzina García, Ph.D.

3. Name and job title of contact person:

Ms. Virginia Alzina García, Ph.D., Director

4. Address of Institution

Milanesat, 25-27, 5th floor

Barcelona

08017

Spain

Telephone: + 34 93 553 87 90

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valzina@cprac.org

5. Address for correspondence (If different to that in 4 above)

Dr. Roux, 80

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Spain

Please indicate the distance of the institution from nearest international airport.

Name of the airport : Barcelona "El Prat- Barcelona International Airport".

Distance from institution: 17 km.

6. Legal status

Please indicate the legal status of the nominated organization

Government body

Intergovernmental organization

Non Governmental organization

Other, specify: UNEP Centre of the Mediterranean Action Plan.

Please attach the charter/ legal document by which the organization was established. **Note:**

The legal base is the Barcelona Convention for the protection of the Mediterranean Sea 1976, the decision by the IX Conference of the Parties of the Barcelona Convention, 8-9 June 1995, and the Extraordinary Meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the Mediterranean sea against pollution and its protocols (Montpellier 1-4 July) accepting the creation of the Regional Activity Centre for Cleaner Production (CP/RAC)(Annex I)

7. Coordinator and other staff of the nominated institution.

Please provide the Curriculum Vitae of the coordinator of the nominated regional centre that includes his or her technical background, project management competencies and experience in technical assistance and capacity building.

Coordinator : Ms. Virginia Alzina García, Ph.D

CP/RAC Staff members: Mr. Frederic Borja Figols, Mr. Frederic Gallo Sallent, Ms. Esther Monfà Obach, Mr. Enric Villamore Martín, Ms. Magali Outters, Ms. Mar Santacana Moya, Ms. Maribel Pérez Haro, Ms. Stephanie Hadrath Segade, Ms. Susana López Porcel.

See Annex II: attached CV of the Director, Ms. Virginia Alzina García, Ph.D.

8. Institutional Profile

Please attach separately a brief institutional profile that includes summaries of relevant activities undertaken by the institution within last 2 years.

See Annex III: attached brief institutional profile and CP/RAC Activity Reports from 2006 till 2007

B. INFORMATION ON EXPERTISE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

1. Areas of expertise

Please indicate which of the areas of expertise in capacity building and technology transfer listed below, is currently available at your institution. (Please check the relevant boxes below)

Yes No

X (a) Development, updating and implementation of national implementation plans:
Spanish NIP

X (b) Identification and promotion of best available techniques and best environmental practices:
Almost 300 documents on BATs and BETs prepared by the Center

- X (c) Identification and disposal of persistent organic pollutants, including transfer of environmentally sound technologies for the destruction of such wastes:

CP/RAC is one of the executing agencies of the project: “Environmentally Sound Management of Equipment, Stocks and Wastes containing or contaminated by PCB in National Electricity Companies of Mediterranean Countries”, that includes this type of activity.

CP/RAC developed a Spanish Register of Pollutant Emissions to the Mediterranean, which provides information on emissions of certain types of POPs (e.g. dioxins). Likewise, based on the data collected for the Register, CP/RAC prepared other technical reports focused on analyzing the link between pollutants and emission sources and also locating the main hot spots of Pollution and Sensitive Areas in Spain.

- X (d) Identification and remediation of sites contaminated with persistent organic pollutants:

CP/RAC is one of the executing agencies of the project: “Environmentally Sound Management of Equipment, Stocks and Wastes containing or contaminated by PCB in National Electricity Companies of Mediterranean Countries”, that includes this type of activity.

Appointment and follow-up of the experts who led the different thematic working groups that developed the National Plan of Application and discussed the measures for its application. Namely:

- *Inventories on POPs and polluted sites.* Appointed Company: *ENVIROS SPAIN.*
- *Inventories on unintentional POPs emissions.* Appointed Company: *Grup Interlab*
- *POPs replacement according to the Stockholm Convention and the EU Regulation 850/2004.* Appointed Company: *ENVIROS SPAIN.*
- *Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices.* Appointed Company: *ISTAS- CCOO*
- *Monitoring: POPs levels on population, environment and alimentary products.* Appointed Company: *Instituto Municipal de Investigación Médica - Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona*

- X (e) Effectiveness evaluation, including monitoring of levels of persistent organic pollutants:

Within the task of collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Spain in the preparation of a National Application Plan for POPs, CP/RAC made a Report on the state of the art on

POPs inventories.

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- X (f) Review of available infrastructure, capacity and institutions at the national and local levels and the potential to strengthen them:

14 countries of list D1.

Periodical review of 21 countries study.

Activities developed in the project: “Environmentally Sound Management of Equipment, Stocks and Wastes containing or contaminated by PCB in National Electricity Companies of Mediterranean Countries” (UNEP/MAP, CP/RAC)

- X (g) Development and establishment of laboratory capacity, including the promotion of standard sampling and analysis procedures for validation of inventories.

- X (h) Development and strengthening research capacity at the national, subregional and regional levels, including:

(i) Development and introduction of alternatives to persistent organic pollutants, with special emphasis on reducing the need for specific exemptions:

Within the task of collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Spain in the preparation of a National Application Plan for POPs, CP/RAC made Reports on the state of the art on substitutive materials, products and processes to those generating or releasing POPs and the Best Available Techniques and Best Environmental Practices for the reduction and/or elimination of unintentional POPs.

(ii) Training of technical personnel

More than 70 workshops delivered on BEP and BAT and clean technologies

- X (i) Development and updating of a list of technologies that are available to be transferred to the eligible Parties through regional and subregional centres:

Database of more than 400 entries

- (j) Identification of obstacles and barriers to the transfer of technology and its solutions

- X (k) Development, implementation and enforcement of regulatory controls and incentives for

the sound management of persistent organic pollutants.

CP/RAC is advising governments of the Mediterranean countries on good practices and legislation in the context of sound management of persistent organic pollutants, but is not directly involved in enforcement of legislation as executive agency.

- X (l) Promotion of awareness raising and information dissemination programmes, including awareness-raising among the general public, of issues related to the Convention:

Land Based Sources Protocol

Diagnostic of necessary resources for the National Implementation Plan

Publications in '05 and '06

(m) Training for decision makers, managers and personnel responsible in:

- (i) Persistent organic pollutants identification
X (ii) Technical assistance needs identification:

Activities developed in the project: "Environmentally Sound Management of Equipment, Stocks and Wastes containing or contaminated by PCB in National Electricity Companies of Mediterranean Countries" (UNEP/MAP, CP/RAC)

- (iii) Project proposal writing
 (iv) Legislation development and enforcement
X (v) Development of an inventory of persistent organic pollutants.

CP/RAC work on persistent organic pollutants is operative for preparation of inventories.

Appointment and follow-up of the experts who led the different thematic working groups that developed the National Plan of Application and discussed the measures for its application. Namely:

- *Inventories on POPs and polluted sites.*
- *Inventories on unintentional POPs emissions.*

- X (vi) Risk assessment and management of PCBs, PCDD/Fs
Activities developed in the project: "Environmentally Sound Management of Equipment, Stocks and Wastes containing or contaminated by PCB in National Electricity Companies of Mediterranean Countries" (UNEP/MAP, CP/RAC)

- (vii) Evaluation of social and economic impacts
 (viii) Development of Pollutants Release and Transfer Registers

- X (n) Other, please specify.- Networking on technical know how on persistent organic

pollutants and integration within sectors and relationship with stockholders: companies, federations of industry, trade unions, social , NGOs, academics, geographic scope, etc...

Fed.of ind.: ASCAME, BUSINESS MED

Academics: Universities of Mediterranean Countries

NGO: MIOESDE, WWF, IUCN

Geographic scope: Mediterranean and Latinoamerican countries

2. Technical personnel with recognized competence in capacity-building or technology transfer

Please list the technical personnel currently working at the nominated institution and indicate their expertise by citing corresponding numbers (a-n) of the above list. Also please attach their curriculum vitae when submitting this form.

Note: CVs enclosed in Anex IV.

List of technical personnel

Name	Job title	Expertise (a-n)
1. Ms. Virginia Alzina.García, Ph.D.	Director CP/RAC.	a;b;c;d;e;f;h;i;l;m;n
2. Mr. Frederic Gallo Sallent	Sound Chemicals Management Officer.	a;b;c;d;e;f;h;l;m;n
3. Mr. Ramón Guardans Cambó.	Senior Advisor on Chemicals and POPs.	a;d,e,h,l,m
4. Ms. Esther Monfá Obach	Project Officer of Environment and Chemicals.	a,b,c,d,e,f,h,i,l,m
5. Mr. Enric de Villamore Martín.	Sustainable Production and Consumption Officer. Land Base Sources protocol and EPER + PRTRs.	a,b,c,d,e,f,h,i,k,l,m,n
6. Mr. Juan Antonio de Castro de Arespachaga.	Senior Advisor for	f,h,k,l

	Green Competitiveness	
7. Ms. Magali Outters	Sustainable Production and Consumption Officer. Land Base Sources protocol and EPER + PRTRs.	b,f,h,i,l
8. Ms. Mar Santacana Moya	Sustainable Production and Consumption Officer. Land Base Sources protocol and EPER + PRTRs.	b,c,d,e,f,h,i,l,n,
9. Mr. Manuel Clar Massanet	Senior Advisor on Chemicals.	c,d,e,f,h,l,m,
10. Mr. Josep-Lluís Salazar Máñez.	Senior Institutional Advisor (Stockholm Convention).	j,f,h,k,l,n,
11. Mr. Frederic Borja Figuls.	Deputy Director CP/RAC.	f,h,k,l,n,
12. Ms. Maribel Pérez Haro.	Technical Database Management Systems.	f,h,i,l,
13. Ms. Maria Jesús Romero Olid.	Senior Advisor on Chemicals	c,d,e,f,h,
14. Mr. Jordi Pon	Advisor on hazardous wastes	b,d,e,h,i
15. Ms. Jordi Bruno	Senior Advisor on Chemicals.	a,b,c,d,e,h,i

16. Mr. Alfonso Fernández.	Senior Advisor on Chemicals	a,b,c,d,e,f,h,l
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C. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

1. Equipment

Please specify the office equipment currently in use at your institution

Equipment	Yes	No	Number
Personal Computers installed with up to date software	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	15
Printers	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Photocopier	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Scanners	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Fax machines	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Multimedia projector	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Microphones	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	3
Audio-visual recorders	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	1
Other, specify.....Videoconference facilities .	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	1

2. Installed and operational communication facilities

Please indicate which of the following communication facilities are available and operational at your institution.

2.1 Telephone	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.2 Fax	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.3 Internet connection (indicate the type of connection available)		
a. Dial-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. ADSL	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Broadband cable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. T-1/DSL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Meeting facilities

Does the nominated institution have meeting facilities?

- X Yes
 No

If the answer to the question above is yes, please provide information as to the type of the meeting facilities and their location.

Two in the same CP/RAC premises (capacities: 40 and 15 persons) and five other in the adjacent premises of the Agency (capacities: 150 and 100 persons) and the Department of Environment (capacities: 300, 100 and 50 persons) .

D. COVERAGE OF THE INSTITUTION

1. Eligible Parties to be served by the proposed centre

Please list the eligible¹ Parties which your institution intends to serve.

List of eligible Parties to be served by the nominated institution			
1	Bosnia-Herzegovina.	7	Lebanon.
2	Croatia.	8	Israel.
3	Montenegro.	9	Jordan.
4	Albania.	10	Egypt.
5	Turkey.	11	Libya.
6	Syria.	12	Tunisia.
13	Algeria.	14	Morocco.
15	Cyprus.	16	Malta.

2. Cooperation and coordination

Does your institution currently serve as a regional or sub regional centre to any other multilateral environmental agreement (MEA)?

Yes

X

No

If yes please provide the name of the multilateral environmental agreement:

The Barcelona Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea Against Pollution and its Protocols. Mediterranean Action Plan. CP/RAC is integrated in the Mediterranean Action Plan of the United Nations Environment Programme.

3. Language

Please indicate the working language(s) of the nominated institution.

English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Italian, Catalan, German , Portuguese and Norwegian

Note: In accordance with decision SC-2/9 all centres must be capable of communicating in English.

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¹ As per the decision SC1/15, to be eligible to receive technical assistance under the Stockholm Convention, a country must be a developing country or a country with an economy in transition and a party to the Convention