SC-10/16: Financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision SC-10/3 on the financial mechanism adopted during the online segment of its tenth meeting, held from 26 to 30 July 2021,

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Guidance to the financial mechanism

- 1. Requests the Global Environment Facility, taking into account the specific deadlines set forth in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the information contained in the reports referred to in paragraphs 8 and 11 of the present decision, to consider, in its programming of areas of work for the period 2022–2026, the following priority areas:
 - (a) Elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025;
- (b) Environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls¹ as soon as possible and no later than 2028;
- (c) Environmentally sound management and disposal of newly listed persistent organic pollutants, ² with a focus on brominated flame retardants, fluorinated persistent organic pollutants and chlorinated paraffins;
- (d) Environmentally sound management and disposal of pesticides containing or consisting of persistent organic pollutants, including obsolete stockpiles;
- (e) Restriction of DDT production and use to disease vector control in accordance with World Health Organization recommendations and guidelines on the use of DDT in cases where locally safe, effective and affordable alternatives are not available to a Party to the Stockholm Convention;
- (f) Introduction and use of best available techniques and best environmental practices to minimize and ultimately eliminate releases of unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants;
- 2. Also requests the Global Environment Facility to consider in its programming of areas of work for the period 2022–2026:
- (a) The review and updating of national implementation plans, including as appropriate their initial development;
- (b) The development and strengthening of national legislation and regulations for meeting obligations with regard to persistent organic pollutants listed in the annexes to the Convention;
- (c) The implementation of the activities related to the global monitoring plan and capacity-building to sustain the new monitoring initiatives that provide data and information for the global monitoring report prepared in connection with the continued evaluation of the effectiveness of the Convention;
 - 3. *Requests* the Secretariat:
- (a) To develop, having updated the complete set of guidance after the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties pursuant to paragraph 10 (c) of decision SC-8/16, recommendations for the

¹ Having a polychlorinated biphenyl content above 0.005 per cent, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 6 and part II of Annex A to the Convention.

² Newly listed persistent organic pollutants, as identified in the needs assessment report (UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/33), include the following: polybromodiphenyl ethers, hexabromocyclododecane, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride.

consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting regarding the possible retirement, streamlining and consolidation of the complete set of guidance;

- (b) To update after the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties the guidance reflecting the outcome of the consideration at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the recommendations mentioned in subparagraph 3 (a) of the present decision;
- 4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to transmit to the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility:
- (a) The complete set of guidance to be developed by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 10 (c) of decision SC-8/16;
- (b) A summary of the information on financing polychlorinated biphenyls contained in the note by the Secretariat on options to address potential issues with regard to financing polychlorinated biphenyls;³
- (c) Any new information, as appropriate, compiled by the Secretariat on matters related to the financial mechanism pursuant to paragraph 4 of decision SC-10/3;
- 5. Requests the Global Environment Facility to consider in the implementation of the eighth replenishment of the Global Environment Facility trust fund the information contained in the needs assessment report submitted pursuant to paragraph 1 of decision SC-10/3 and any other information submitted to the Facility pursuant to paragraph 4 (c) of the present decision;
- 6. Also requests the Global Environment Facility to indicate, in its report to the Conference of Parties at its eleventh meeting, how the documents set out in paragraph 5 of the present decision have been reflected in the outcomes of the negotiations on and implementation of the eighth replenishment of the Facility trust fund;

II

Report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility

7. Welcomes the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its tenth meeting;⁴

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Monitoring and evaluation

- 8. *Welcomes* the draft report on the fifth review of the financial mechanism⁵ and notes that the report has been forwarded to the Global Environment Facility pursuant to paragraph 1 of decision SC-10/3;
- 9. Requests the Secretariat to prepare, on the basis of the terms of reference for the fifth review of the financial mechanism set out in annex I to decision SC-9/15 and taking into consideration the observations and recommendations contained in the draft report on the fifth review of the financial mechanism, draft terms of reference for the sixth review of the financial mechanism for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
- 10. Requests the Global Environment Facility to indicate, in its report to the Conference of Parties at its eleventh meeting, how the draft report on the fifth review of the financial mechanism

³ UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/63.

⁴ See UNEP/POPS/COP.10/15/Rev.1, annex I; UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/36; UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/36/Add.1.

⁵ See UNEP/POPS/COP.10/15/Rev.1, annex II; UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/32.

has been reflected in the outcomes of the negotiations on and implementation of the eighth replenishment of the Facility trust fund;

IV

Assessment of funding needs

- 11. *Takes note* of the report on the assessment of the funding needed by developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Convention over the period 2022–2026⁶ and requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to provide assistance to Parties to facilitate their assessment of the funding that they need, including to address the low rate of response that affects the quality of the scenario presented;⁷
- 12. *Invites* developed-country Parties, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat, by 31 August 2022, with information on ways in which they can provide support, including new and additional financial resources, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support;
- 13. *Invites* other Parties, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat, by 31 August 2022, with information on ways in which they can provide support, including financial resources, in accordance with their capabilities, for the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such support;
- 14. *Invites* other sources, including relevant funding institutions, such as development banks and the private sector, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 13 of the Stockholm Convention, to provide the Secretariat, by 31 August 2022, with information on ways in which they can provide contributions to the implementation of the Convention, including information on access to such contributions;
- 15. Requests the Secretariat to prepare draft terms of reference for the assessment of funding needs for Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the Stockholm Convention over the period 2026–2030, on the basis of the terms of reference set forth in annex II to decision SC-9/15 and taking into consideration the observations and recommendations contained in the needs assessment report referred to in paragraph 11 of the present decision for consideration and possible adoption at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

V

Assessment of funding needs with regard to polychlorinated biphenyls

- 16. Recognizes that significant financial resources are required to assist recipient country Parties, in full conformity with the provisions of the Convention, in fulfilling their commitments related to, among others, the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028;
- 17. *Takes note* of the projected funding gap, as outlined in the reports referred to in paragraphs 8 and 11 of the present decision, with regard to achieving the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028;

⁶ UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/33.

⁷ See UNEP/POPS/COP.10/15/Rev.1, annex III; UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/56; UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/63.

- 18. *Urges* and requests the Global Environment Facility to explore all feasible options available to provide enhanced support to achieve the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028, recognizing the importance and urgency of these actions within the period of the eighth and ninth replenishment cycles of the Global Environment Facility trust fund;
- 19. Strongly encourages countries and others in a position to do so, United Nations entities and intergovernmental organizations, other bilateral and multilateral institutions, and non-governmental organizations and private sources to provide complementary support for the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and for the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028;
- 20. Emphasizes the need that entities providing multilateral, regional and bilateral financial and technical assistance, including Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres, strengthen their efforts to fund the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls as soon as possible and no later than 2028, as appropriate, as part of their respective programmes of work and activities, and requests the Secretariat to engage with the above entities to that effect;
- 21. *Decides* to assess the projected funding needs to support achieving the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment by 2025 and the environmentally sound waste management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls having a content above 0.005 per cent as soon as possible and no later than 2028, in the context of the sixth review of the financial mechanism;
- 22. Requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to prepare a report on further options for addressing the needs, including funding needs, and challenges met to reach the targets related to the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

VI

Cooperation between secretariats and reciprocal representation

- 23. *Takes note* of the ongoing collaboration between the secretariats of the Global Environment Facility and the Stockholm Convention⁸ and encourages the two secretariats to further enhance effective inter-secretariat cooperation in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and the Council of the Global Environment Facility;
- 24. Requests the Secretariat, in consultation with the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, to prepare a report on the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility with regard to cooperation between the secretariats and reciprocal representation, including follow-up actions, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

⁸ See UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/64.