

**Stockholm Convention
on Persistent Organic
Pollutants****Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee****Tenth meeting**

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**Workplan for the intersessional period between the tenth
and eleventh meetings of the Committee****Workplan for the intersessional period between the tenth and
eleventh meetings of the Committee****Note by the Secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. In accordance with paragraph 28 of its terms of reference, for each of its meetings the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee prepares risk profiles and risk management evaluations as required by Article 8 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. To undertake this task, it establishes an intersessional working group for each chemical and agrees on a workplan for completing the drafts.
2. To support the working groups in carrying out their activities, the Secretariat has developed a draft workplan for the preparation of the risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Committee. The schedule may require adjustment, depending on the dates of the eleventh meeting. The draft workplan is set out in the annex to the present note.
3. At its eighth meeting, having considered the revised draft risk profile on short-chained chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/6), the Committee was unable to reach consensus on whether to move to the Annex F phase or to set the proposal aside. The Committee agreed to establish an intersessional working group to consider any new evidence pertaining to short-chained chlorinated paraffins that might be submitted to the Committee and, on the basis of any such information, to revise the relevant parts of the draft risk profile (see UNEP/POPS/POPRC.8/16, annex IV). The working group is to commence its work in the period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Committee to prepare a revised draft risk profile for consideration by the Committee at its eleventh meeting. As at 31 July 2014, submissions on short-chained chlorinated paraffins had been received from eight parties. The submissions have been made available on the Convention website.¹

II. Proposed action

4. The Committee may wish to adopt, with any amendments, the draft workplan for the preparation of risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between its tenth and eleventh meetings.

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.10/1.

¹ <http://chm.pops.int/Convention/POPsReviewCommittee/tabid/3145/Default.aspx>.

Annex

Draft workplan for the preparation of risk profiles and risk management evaluations during the intersessional period between the tenth and eleventh meetings of the Committee

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Interval between activities (weeks)</i>	<i>Activity (for each chemical under review)</i>
30 October 2014	-	The Committee establishes an intersessional working group
7 November 2014	1	The Secretariat requests parties and observers to provide the information specified in Annex E for risk profiles and Annex F for risk management evaluations
5 January 2015	8	Parties and observers submit the information specified in Annex E for risk profiles and Annex F for risk management evaluations to the Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat sends a reminder to parties and observers regarding the request for information by 5 December 2014
13 February 2015	6	The working group chair and the drafter complete the first draft <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair sends the first draft to the Secretariat by 11 February 2015 The Secretariat sends the first draft to the working group by 13 February 2015
27 February 2015	2	The members of the working group submit comments on the first draft to the chair and the drafter
13 March 2015	2	The working group chair and the drafter finish their review of the comments from the working group and complete the second draft and a compilation of responses to those comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair sends the first draft to the Secretariat by 13 March 2015
20 March 2015	1	The Secretariat distributes the second draft to parties and observers for comments
8 May 2015	7	Parties and observers submit their comments to the Secretariat
5 June 2015	4	The working group chair and the drafter review the comments from parties and observers and complete the third draft and a compilation of responses to those comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair sends the third draft to the Secretariat by 3 June 2015 The Secretariat sends the first draft to the working group by 5 June 2015
19 June 2015	2	The members of the working group submit their final comments on the third draft to the chair and the drafter
3 July 2015	2	The working group chair and the drafter review the final comments and complete the fourth (final) draft and a compilation of responses to those comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chair sends the final draft to the Secretariat by 3 July 2015
10 July 2015	1	The Secretariat sends the final draft to the Division of Conference Services, United Nations Office at Nairobi, for editing and translation.
4 September 2015	8	The Division of Conference Services completes the editing and translation of the final draft
7 September 2015	<1	The Secretariat distributes the final draft in the six official languages of the United Nations
19–23 October 2015	6	Eleventh meeting of the Committee