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**Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee**  
**Second meeting**  
Geneva, 6–10 November 2006  
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda\*  
**Organizational matters: organization of work**

**Scenario note for the second meeting of the Persistent Organic  
Pollutants Review Committee**

**Note by the Secretariat**

The annex to the present note contains a scenario note developed by the Chair of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee, Mr. Reiner Arndt (Germany), to assist participants in preparing for the second meeting of the Committee.

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\* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/1.

## Annex

### Scenario note for the second meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist participants in preparing for the second meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutant Review Committee by communicating initial planning and expectations for the meeting. All pre-meeting documents are expected to be available on the Stockholm Convention website ([www.pops.int](http://www.pops.int)) by 15 September 2006.

#### Objectives and possible outcomes of the meeting

2. The primary objective of the meeting is to ensure that the Committee undertakes the work assigned to it by the Convention. To meet this objective, the Committee will:

- (a) For each of the draft risk profiles developed by the working groups established by the Committee:
  - (i) Adopt, with any amendments, the risk profiles;
  - (ii) Decide, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Article 8 of the Convention and on the basis of the risk profile, whether the chemical that is the subject of the risk profile is likely as a result of its long-range transport to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted and that the proposal should proceed;
  - (iii) Agree, depending on the decision taken under (ii) above:
    - a. To invite all Parties and observers to provide information pursuant to Annex F of the Convention, to establish an ad hoc working group to develop a draft risk management evaluation and to agree on a work plan for completing the draft for consideration by the Committee at its third meeting; or
    - b. To make the risk profile available to all Parties and observers and set it aside;
- (b) Adopt, with any amendments, the draft format for submitting information pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention specified in Annex F, the draft explanatory notes for the submission of this information and the draft risk management evaluation outline prepared by the working group on confidentiality and Annex F established by the Committee;
- (c) For each proposal to list a chemical in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention that is under consideration:
  - (i) Examine the proposal, apply the screening criteria specified in Annex D of the Convention and complete an evaluation as to whether it has fulfilled those criteria;
  - (ii) If it is satisfied that the screening criteria have been fulfilled, establish an ad hoc working group to develop a draft risk profile and agree on a work plan for completing the draft for consideration by the Committee at its third meeting.

3. The secondary objective of the meeting is to complete tasks assigned to the Committee by the Conference of the Parties and consider issues related to the effective functioning of the Committee. To meet this objective, the Committee will:

- (a) Review the draft code of practice for the treatment of confidential information by the Committee, amend it as necessary and submit a final draft to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting with a request to proceed with legal screening and possible endorsement of the code of practice;
- (b) Develop recommendations on the issue of how to consider isomers or groups of isomers of chemicals proposed by Parties for inclusion in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention pursuant to Article 8, for submission to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its third meeting;

(c) Discuss the issue of listing chemicals the transformation products of which are chemicals proposed for listing in Annexes A, B or C and to consider developing a draft approach on the issue for future consideration by the Conference of the Parties;

(d) Consider the roster of experts and the expertise needed for the third meeting of the Committee.

## Meeting agenda

4. The annotated agenda for the meeting (UNEP/POPS/POPRRC.2/1/Add.1) identifies the issues for discussion and the meeting and information documents pertaining to each issue. Most documents identify the provisions of the Convention or the decisions of the Conference of the Parties that provide the mandates for the activities that are discussed in the documents. Meeting documents also identify possible actions to be taken by the Committee. Members of the Committee are invited to notify the Secretariat prior to the meeting or, at the latest, during the consideration of the agenda during the meeting of any issues that they feel should have been included on the agenda.

## Organization of work

5. The meeting will take place from 6 to 10 November 2006 (Monday to Friday). The proposed schedule for plenary meetings will be two three-hour sessions per day (10:00–13:00 and 15:00–18:00). There are no plans to hold evening plenary meetings. Working groups will be established as needed throughout the week. A tentative schedule for the week is provided in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.2/INF/2.

6. Monday morning will begin with opening formalities and then proceed to organizational matters. Under this item, the Committee will adopt its agenda with any amendments and agree on the organization of work for the week. This will be followed by a review of the outcomes of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties relevant to the work of the Committee.

7. The Committee will have an initial discussion of two operational issues: treatment of isomers or groups of isomers of chemicals proposed for listing in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention; and listing of chemicals the transformation products of which are chemicals proposed for listing in Annexes A, B or C of the Convention. I believe that this initial discussion needs to take place before consideration of the draft risk profiles and the newly proposed chemicals since the issues are common to a number of them. The remaining operational issues could be considered later in the week.

8. The Committee will then consider each of the draft risk profiles before it. For each:

(a) The Chair of the working group that developed the draft risk profile will present it to the Committee;

(b) The Committee will be given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the draft;

(c) The Committee will discuss the draft risk profile and the question of whether the chemical that is the subject of the profile is likely as a result of its long-range transport to lead to significant adverse human health and/or environmental effects such that global action is warranted;

(d) The Committee will likely establish a contact group to develop a draft decision that includes the elements listed in paragraph 2 (a), above, for possible adoption by the Committee later in the week.

9. The Committee would next consider the newly proposed chemicals for listing in Annexes A, B or C. For each proposal, the following procedure is suggested:

(a) The Party that put forward the proposal will present it to the Committee. The presentation will be limited to 15 minutes;

(b) The Committee will be given the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the submission;

(c) The Committee will discuss how the proposal fulfils the screening criteria;

(d) The Committee will likely establish a contact group to develop a draft decision that includes the elements listed in paragraph 2 (c), above, for possible adoption by the Committee later in the week.<sup>1</sup>

10. Following initial discussion of the newly proposed chemicals, the Committee would consider the remaining operational issues: noncompliance arrangements; rosters of experts; standard work plans for preparation of draft risk profiles and draft risk management evaluation. This will be followed by discussion of other matters and the dates and venue of the Committee's third meeting.

11. The report of the meeting will likely be considered on Friday afternoon. It is an important product of the meeting and will serve as a useful document to remind participants (and inform those who were not at the meeting) of the developments arising and agreements reached during the meeting. The report of the meeting as of the end of plenary on Thursday afternoon will be approved with any amendments in plenary on Friday. Consistent with past practice, the Committee may agree that the section of the report pertaining to the Friday plenary meetings will be prepared by the Vice-Chair serving as rapporteur, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated in the meeting report under the authority of the Chair.

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<sup>1</sup> To assist contact groups tasked with developing draft decisions on newly proposed chemicals, informal initial drafts of decisions for each of these chemicals will be prepared by intersessional drafting groups established by the Chair for this purpose.