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Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee
Sixteenth meeting
Geneva (online), 11–16 January 2021
Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The sixteenth meeting of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee will be held from 11 to 16 January 2021. Owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, it is not possible for participants to meet face to face in Geneva or in Rome as had originally been planned. The meeting will therefore, as an exceptional measure, be conducted online. The meeting will be opened by the interim Chair of the Committee, Mr. Peter Dawson (New Zealand), at 12 noon (Geneva time (UTC+1)) on Monday, 11 January 2021.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee has before it a scenario note for the meeting, prepared by the interim Chair (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/1/Rev.1), and a tentative schedule for the meeting, prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/2/Rev.1).

5. The Committee may wish to meet in online sessions from Monday, 11 January to Thursday, 14 January 2021 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Geneva time, (UTC+1)) daily and on Saturday, 16 January 2021 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)) and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)), subject to adjustments as necessary. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups as necessary, and specify their mandates. Contact group sessions would be held from Monday, 11 January to Thursday, 14 January from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)), and on Friday, 15 January, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)) and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)).

* UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/1.

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Item 3

Rotation of the membership

6. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the newly appointed members of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and rotation of the membership in May 2022 (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/3). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided.

Item 4

Technical work

(a) Consideration of draft risk profiles

(i) Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer

7. The Committee has before it notes by the Secretariat on a draft risk profile on Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/2), on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile on Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/4), and on additional information on the draft risk profile on Dechlorane Plus and its syn-isomer and anti-isomer (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/14). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/2.

(ii) Methoxychlor

8. The Committee has before it notes by the Secretariat on a draft risk profile on Methoxychlor (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/3) and on comments and responses relating to the draft risk profile on Methoxychlor (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/5). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/3.

(b) Consideration of a proposal for the inclusion of UV-328 in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention

9. The Committee has before it notes by the Secretariat on the proposal to list UV-328 in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/4) and on the Secretariat's verification of whether the proposal to list UV-328 in Annex A to the Convention contains the information specified in Annex D to the Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/6/Rev.1). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/4.

(c) Review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins

10. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether and short-chain chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/5), a draft report on the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/7), a draft report on the review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/8), and notes by the Secretariat on comments and responses relating to the draft report on the review of information related to specific exemptions for decabromodiphenyl ether (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/9), and on comments and responses relating to the draft report on the review of information related to specific exemptions for short-chain chlorinated paraffins (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/10). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/5.

(d) Evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants

11. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/6) and a draft report for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/11). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/6.

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(e) Indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

12. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/7) and a compilation of the information submitted by Parties and others pursuant to section III of decision SC-9/13 and an indicative list of substances covered by the listing of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/12). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/7.

Item 5

Report on activities to support effective participation in the work of the Committee

13. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on a report on activities to support effective participation in the work of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/INF/13). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note.

Item 6

Workplan for the intersessional period between the sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Committee

14. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on a draft workplan for the intersessional period between the sixteenth and seventeenth meetings of the Committee (UNEP/POPS/POPRC.16/8). The Committee may wish to consider the draft workplan and adopt it with any amendments.

Item 7

Venue and date of the seventeenth meeting of the Committee

15. The Committee may wish to consider and decide on the venue and date of its seventeenth meeting.

Item 8

Other matters

16. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting.

Item 9

Adoption of the report

17. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

18. It is expected that the interim Chair will close the meeting by 4.30 p.m. (Geneva time (UTC+1)) on Saturday, 16 January 2021.

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