**Meeting of the Small Intersessional Working Group on POP wastes technical guidelines (teleconference)**

Date: 28 July 2020  
Time: 14:00h to 15:00h (Geneva time)

For the list of attendees, please see Annex I of this document.

**Agenda**

1. Opening remarks
2. Information on the OEWG-12 meeting
3. Discussion on the (proposed) revised workplan
4. Work required on LPC as per decision BC-14/4
5. Any other matter
6. **Opening remarks**

The representative of the Secretariat explained that the main objective of this meeting was to take stock of where the group stands in relation to the plan of activities until COP-15, and to discuss the next steps.

1. **Information on the OEWG-12 meeting**

The representative of the Secretariat provided some details about the OEWG-12 meeting now planned to take place in September. Here is an extract of the communication on this meeting that was sent to Parties and Observers to the convention. The paragraph in grey below explains the possibilities for the provision of comments by Parties and observer.

*The online segment will comprise two online sessions which will be held in the first week of September (31 August – 4 September 2020) with a duration of three hours each. Participants will be informed soon on the exact timing of those two sessions. The sessions will consist of technical briefings and run through the entire OEWG-12 agenda in a consecutive manner.*

*Parties and observers will be able to provide oral or written statements and/or comments on topics and products of the intersessional processes (e.g., draft reports, manuals, technical guidelines, guidance, recommendations, etc.) in front of OEWG-12 during the online segment in any of the six official languages of the United Nations, and will also be able to provide written comments on those products, in any of the six official languages of the United Nations, preferably in English, after the meeting according to specific deadlines as detailed in the attached agreed approach for organizing OEWG-12.*

*OEWG-12 will be suspended at the end of the online segment and reconvened during a face to face meeting of up to 4 days in March 2021, in Nairobi, Kenya, back to back with fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5), subject to the availability of resources, a positive development of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) situation, as well as the availability of the meeting venue.*

*Both the online and face to face segments of the OEWG-12 will be conducted in all six UN languages.*

Comments on the 3 technical guidelines on POPs waste (INF 7, 8 and 9) are expected by 15 September 2020.

The 3 INF documents are available on the OEWG-12 webpage. <http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/OpenendedWorkingGroup(OEWG)/Meetings/OEWG12/Overview/tabid/8264/Default.aspx>

1. **Discussion on the (proposed) revised workplan**

The group agreed that the tentative schedule should be organized assuming that the technical guidelines will be prepared for possible adoption at COP-15.

The Secretariat informed the group of the intention to hire two consultants to update the 3 documents based on the OEWG-12 comments (with deadline of 15 september) by 30 October 2020.

The group discussed the possibility of organizing an online meeting of the SIWG for negotiation purposes, tentatively to be scheduled to take place in November or December 2020 (to be confirmed), which will be based on the revised versions of the technical guidelines prepared in October. The Secretariat will discuss with the consultants about the duration of the online meeting and will get back to the group later on.

The outputs of the online meeting should be used for the preparation of COP-15 documents, going for translation.

The group also agreed that the consultant could start working on the draft analysis of candidate POPs, since only one POP can be recommended by POPRC-16. However, the INF document should be circulated to the SIWG for comments only after POPRC-16 takes place (planned for Jan 2021), and be finalized before 20 March 2021.

1. **Work required on LPC as per decision BC-14/4**

The representative of the Secretariat recalled the mandate of BC-14/4 on low POP content values. She informed of INF-6 document prepared for the OEWG-12, which contains comments from various Parties on this topic.

One representative of a Party and one representative of an Observer informed the group that by the end of this year new information should be ready on studies related to LPC values. These will be eventually shared with the group and might help the SIWG advance the discussions on the topic.

The group discussed that the OEWG-12 face-to-face segment, an informal webinar or another online meeting could be scheduled in 2021 for the group to discuss LPC in depth in preparation for COP-15.

1. **Any other matter**

The representative of the Secretariat explained that a representative of a Party will speak on behalf of the group during the OEWG-12 providing a short summary of the work realized so far and the plans agreed by the group.   
  
**The meeting was closed at 15:00h.**

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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|  | **NAME** | **REPRESENTING** |
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