**Small Intersessional Working Group for the Update of the Technical Guidelines on**

**POPs waste**

**October 8th, 2019 Teleconference**

**14h to 15h Geneva time**

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

1. **Opening remarks**

* The representative of the Secretariat welcomed the new members and observers to the group.
* She also explained that no lead country had volunteered for the work required in this intersessional period, and that, as such, the Secretariat will hire consultants to assist with the work.
* The group adopted the meeting agenda without any change.

1. **Recall mandate from COP-14**

* The representative of the Secretariat explained the mandate of the work, as per decision BC-14/4.
* Among the tasks required for the SIWG to work on during the intersessional period until COP-15 in 2021 are:
  + The update of 3 POP wastes technical guidelines (General technical guidelines, the Technical guidelines on PFOS, its salts and PFOSF and the Pesticides guidelines).
  + The discussion on low POP content (LPC) values for chemicals where no agreement was reached at the last COP and for other chemicals, as appropriate.
  + The analysis of candidate POPs to be listed under the Stockholm Convention with possible indication of which Basel Convention guidelines should be developed or updated.

1. **Discussion on way forward until COP-15**

* The representative of the Secretariat explained the draft tentative schedule for the work of the small intersessional working group which addresses activities until COP-15, including the suggestion of organizing a webinar dedicated to the theme of “low POP content value” that could be organized by the Secretariat with the help of consultants in early December 2019 (date to be confirmed). The objectives of this webinar would be:
  + To enable new members and new observers to understand better the issues under discussion in this area.
  + To revisit the concepts related to LPC values and how this group has been working on this area in the recent years.
* The group discussed that a side event on LPC with the same objectives as referred to above could also be organized at the OEWG-12 meeting, and even at the COP if the SIWG sees a need for it.
* The representative of a group of Parties indicated that a new study on POP wastes is being prepared, which could be ready by the end of 2020.
* Regarding the draft tentative schedule, it was suggested that a webinar of the SIWG in July 2020 should be included, just after the OEWG-12 meeting, as well as another webinar in October 2020, in order to help the consultants finalize the guidelines for COP-15.

1. **Any other topic**

* No other topic was discussed.

1. **Closing remarks**

* It was briefly discussed that summary notes of the meeting would be developed by the Secretariat together with a revised version of the tentative schedule. The new documents would be circulated to the SIWG for comments.

**The meeting was closed at 15:20h.**

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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| Name | Representing |
| Alain Heidelberger | Hazardous Waste Europe |
| Alexis Thuau | European Suppliers of Waste to Energy Technology (ESWET) |
| Andreas Buser | Swiss Federal Office for the Environment |
| Bob Mcintyre | Environment Agency, UK |
| Enrique Garcia John | European Commission - DG Environment |
| Gilbert Kuepouo | CREPD/IPEN |
| Jitka Strakova | Arnika/IPEN |
| John Lotoft | Sweden EPA |
| Lee Bell | IPEN |
| Li Lin | China |
| Lorenzo Ceccherini | CEWEP |
| Louis Ollion and Elisabeth | European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC) |
| Maria Vodyanova | Center of Strategic Planning and Management of Biomedical Health, Russian Federation |
| Maxime Dube | Environment and Climate Change Canada |
| Mayumi Tamiya | Towa Technology Corporation, Japan |
| Michael  Ernst | Ministry of Environment, Germany |
| Natsuko Kajiwara | National Institute for Environmental Studies, NIES, Japan |
| Ole Thomas Thommesen | Norwegian environment agency |
| Rainer Buchholz | WVMetalle |
| Sirine Rached | GAIA |
| Svitlana Sukhorebra | National Academy of Sciences |
| Tadashi Teranishi | Japan |
| Yo Osada | Japan |
| Scretariat |  |
| Carla Valle-Klann | BRS Secretariat |
| Shunsuke Kudo | BRS Secretariat |