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

Date: 2 March 2020
Time: 13:30 h – 15:30 h (Geneva time)

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

**Agenda**

1. Opening remarks (5 min)
2. Technical guidelines on POPs-pesticides (30 min)
3. Technical guidelines on PFOS and PFOA (30 min)
4. General technical guidelines (30 min)
5. Other matters (25 min)
6. **Opening remarks**

The representative of the Secretariat explained the process followed in the last months regarding the updates of the three technical guidelines (in simplified terms: General TG, POPs-Pesticides TG, PFOS and PFOA TG). Drafts with updated TGs were circulated to the SIWG in December 2019 and comments were invited by 31 January 2020. Comments were received from a few Parties and observers, and the two consultants working with the Secretariat updated the three drafts for the discussion in this webinar. Additionally, they have also prepared table of comments with their associated actions for each of the TGs.

One of the items briefly discussed, which applies to all TGs, is whether the titles of the documents should be changed during the intersessional period with the words “draft updated” in front of the titles, or not. The Secretariat explained that the groups need to find a way to distinguish final TGs adopted by the COPs, from documents which are being updated. So far, this has been the way the different groups, on various TGs, have been working. The Secretariat will look into this detail further, discuss with the conference services, since this decision is also related to how the documents, as updated drafts, are presented to the OEWG and COP meetings, and will get back to the group with a suggestion.

1. **Technical guidelines on POPs-pesticides**

The consultant explained the required updates based on the comments received, including minor editorial ones, some references, and some updates concerning exemptions. He explained that a few items need to be updated later on, e.g. documents from FAO and Table 1.

1. **Technical guidelines on PFOS and PFOA**

The consultant explained the difficulties she is facing in updating this document due to the difficulty that the existing TG already included information beyond the originally listed PFOS and not sufficient difference was made between PFOS and PFOA. In some paragraphs it became difficult to differentiate between the two POPs and make updates when information Is not clearly attributed to either one or both groups of chemicals.

She explained some of the comments received and where she had difficulties in advancing the work, for e.g. on the table on use and production, where there are differences for PFOS and PFOA and it seems that a better approach would be to include two separate tables. The issue of low POP content values will be deferred to the discussion within the General TG.

One representative of a Party explained that in the updates, we should avoid changing text already negotiated, whenever possible. In his view, only if something is wrong or inadequately placed, we should touch negotiated text.

The group discussed the issues and decided that the consultant would send a list of items she needs further feedback of the SIWG on, in order to advance the work, including on a possibility to re-structure some parts of the TG. This list was sent to the group on 4 March 2020 by the Secretariat.

1. **General technical guidelines on the ESM of POP wastes**

The consultant explained the required updates based on the comments received, and the main items he needs input from the SIWG, which were highlighted in yellow in the table of comments.

The group discussed a few items of the table of comments. For example, regarding page 34, paragraph 157, on the mentioning of codes of the convention’s annexes, the group decided to remove reference to the operations’ codes, since they do not give information on generation of unintentionally produced POPs. Another item that was further discussed, was page 34, paragraph 160, “(k) Thermal and metallurgical production of metals”, where different views were explained.

After the discussions on different items of the table of comments, it was decided that further input is needed from the SIWG, so that the consultant can finalize the updates.

1. **Other matters**

The group discussed that a new round of comments would be welcomed and following the webinar the Secretariat sent three documents inviting SIWG members to comment by 18 March 2020.

The representative of the Secretariat offered to organize another webinar on these three TGs if the SIWG desires/sees a need for it.

She also reminded the group of the mandate of this group to work further on the issues related to the low POP content values and the invitation for comments on this topic due three months before the OEWG-12 meeting, i.e. by the end of March 2020.

**The meeting was closed at 15:30h.**

**Annex I – List of attendees**

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