

**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Tenth meeting**

Nairobi, 30 May–2 June 2016

Agenda item 3 (b) (i) a

**Matters related to the work programme of the
Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017:
scientific and technical matters: technical guidelines:
technical guidelines on the environmentally sound
management of wastes consisting of, containing or
contaminated with persistent organic pollutants**

**Draft decision OEWG-10/[...]: Technical guidelines on the
environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of,
containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants**

Submission by the contact group on technical matters

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Takes note* of the workplan of the small intersessional working group on persistent organic pollutants wastes;¹
2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the financial contribution made by Japan for the translation of the seven technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting, for the updating of existing guidelines and for the development of new technical guidelines;
3. *Also welcomes with appreciation* the contribution made by Japan in taking the lead in updating the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls, polychlorinated terphenyls, or polybrominated biphenyls including hexabromobiphenyl set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.12/Add.5/Rev.1 to include polychlorinated naphthalenes and the offer made by Canada to take the lead in updating the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1;
4. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 September 2016, comments on the draft technical guidelines contained in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20 and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21, as referred to in section A of the annex to the present decision;
5. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 November 2016, comments on the first revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9, which are to be revised to include hexachlorobutadiene and pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters, as referred to in section B of the annex to the present decision;

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/5, para. 9.

6. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 28 February 2017, comments on the second revised drafts of the general technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1 and the technical guidelines on pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9, as referred to in section B of the annex to the present decision,

7. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 December 2016, taking into account relevant information from the work undertaken in the framework of the Stockholm Convention, further comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the existing and draft technical guidelines, and on related information, including on: (a) countries' implementation and related challenges; (b) analytical capabilities for measuring persistent organic pollutant content; and (c) studies, as referred to in section C of the annex to the present decision;

8. *Agrees* to work in accordance with the workplans set out in the annex to the present decision.

Annex to decision OEWG-10/[...]:

Workplans for technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

A. Workplan for revising the draft technical guidelines set out in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20 and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
16 June 2016	The Secretariat sends a letter to parties and others regarding the submission of comments on the draft technical guidelines set out in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20 and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21.
15 September 2016	Parties and others submit comments on the draft technical guidelines set out in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20 and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21 to the Secretariat. The Secretariat publishes the comments received on the website of the Basel Convention.
9 November 2016	Japan, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, prepares a revision to the draft technical guidelines set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/20. The Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, prepares a revision to the draft technical guidelines set out in documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/18, UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/19, and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/21.
24 February 2017	The Secretariat publishes the final drafts in the six official languages of the United Nations on the website of the Basel Convention.
24 April–5 May 2017	The Conference of the Parties considers the final drafts for possible adoption at its thirteenth meeting.

B. Workplan for revising the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutant pesticides

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
30 September 2016	Canada, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, prepares a first revised draft of the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.2/Rev.1. The Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, prepares a first revised draft of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the persistent organic pollutant pesticides set out in document UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.9 ² to include hexachlorobutadiene and pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters.
7 October 2016	The Secretariat publishes the drafts on the website of the Basel Convention and sends a letter about the first revised draft technical guidelines to parties and others.
15 November 2016	Parties and others submit comments on the first revised draft technical guidelines to the Secretariat. The Secretariat publishes the comments received on the website of the Basel Convention.
17 January 2017	Canada and the Secretariat prepare the respective second revised draft technical guidelines, taking into account the comments received. The Secretariat publishes both sets of second revised draft technical guidelines on the website of the Basel Convention and sends a letter to parties and others inviting them to submit comments.
28 February 2017	Parties and others submit comments on the second revised draft technical guidelines to the Secretariat. The Secretariat publishes the comments received on the website of the Basel Convention.
17 March 2017	The Secretariat publishes both sets of second revised draft technical guidelines and a compilation of comments as information documents of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the website of the Basel Convention.
24 April–5 May 2017	The Conference of the Parties considers the revised draft technical guidelines at its thirteenth meeting.

C. Workplan for the consideration of low persistent organic pollutant content

<i>Scheduled date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
16 June 2016	The Secretariat sends a letter to parties and others on the submission of comments and information on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the existing and draft technical guidelines, and on related information, taking into account relevant information from the work undertaken in the framework of the Stockholm Convention, including on: (a) Countries' implementation and related challenges; (b) Analytical capabilities for measuring persistent organic pollutant content; (c) Studies.
15 December 2016	Parties and others submit comments and information.
24 February 2017	The Secretariat distributes a compilation of comments as an information document of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
24 April–5 May 2017	The Conference of the Parties considers the compilation of comments at its thirteenth meeting.

² Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical.