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

Date: 19th of September 2017
Time: 14:30h (Geneva Time)

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

Agenda and summary of the discussion:

1. **Status of work:**
	1. The Secretariat informed the group about the versions of the technical guidelines that were adopted by the COP in April/May 2017, which are available on the Basel Convention website. These documents are now being translated (UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.1/Rev.1 to Add.6/Rev.1) in page:

<http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Meetings/COP13/tabid/5310/Default.aspx>

* 1. The Secretariat recalled that the deadline for nominations of lead countries to develop and update the technical guidelines on POP wastes, as per decision BC-13/4, has passed (31/08/2017). Norway took the lead to update the guidelines on BDEs. The other guidelines (General, UPOPs, HCBD and a new guideline on SCCP) will be updated/developed by the Secretariat through the work of consultants.
1. **Tentative schedule of activities**
	1. The Secretariat and the representative of Norway explained the plan of work on the development and updates of the five guidelines.
	2. The Secretariat highlighted some of the actions required by decision BC-13/4:
		1. The need to engage a consultant to prepare and INF document with a draft analysis of possible new POPs.
		2. Parties and others are invited to provide input on LPC and the use of the TGs.
	3. The group discussed the proposed tentative schedule that was circulated to the group prior to the meeting, and agreed on a few adjustments. The agreed schedule is presented in Annex II of this document. The schedule may be revised as the work evolves.
	4. The group discussed the possibility of having a round of consultation with all Parties on the updated/new technical guidelines and when this would be more appropriate. One option discussed was to use the INF documents of the OEWG-11 as the version to seek comments from all Parties. As such, the lead authors could get comments until 04/August/2018 (i.e. one month before the OEWG), in order to be prepared to discuss them during the meeting. Another option would be to have a consultation with all Parties after the OEWG, with a short period of time for responses, since the documents need to be ready before 12/November/2018. A final decision on when the consultation with all Parties might happen should be made during the 2nd teleconference of this group, once the documents are updated/developed.
	5. The Secretariat mentioned that, so far, there is no plan to organize a face-to-face meeting of this group. The OEWG-11 may work as such, or the group could decide to meet one day before the OEWG, for example, to discuss outstanding issues, if any.

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