

(4) Invitation to be a lead country for the programme of work for the review and updating of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Decision: OEWG-8/5: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

The Open-ended Working group at its eighth meeting took note of the programme of work for the updating of the general technical guidelines and the preparation or updating of specific technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants with regard to 10 such pollutants newly listed under the Stockholm Convention, developed by the small intersessional working group chaired by Canada, pursuant to decision BC-10/9.

The programme of work is set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/10.

Request:

- Invites one or more parties to consider serving as lead country for the following elements of the programme of work and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so by 31 October 2012:
 - (a) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene (HCB), mirex or toxaphene or with HCB as an industrial chemical;
 - (b) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polychlorinated terphenyls (PCTs) or polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs);
 - (c) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs), hexachlorobenzene (HCB) or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
 - (d) Preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with commercial octabromodiphenyl ether (hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether) and commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether (tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether).

Method of submission:

- Please contact the Secretariat by e-mail (ibrahim.shafii@unep.org) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submission:

- **31 October 2012**

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