2. Invitation related to decision OEWG-11/3 on the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

<u>Decision</u>: OEWG-11/3: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In its decision BC-13/4, on technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants (POPs), the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (COP) adopted six technical guidelines.

In the same decision, the COP also decided on further work on the POP wastes technical guidelines, including to:

- (a) Consider comments and information relating to a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-13/4, and other technical guidelines, as appropriate;
- (b) Update the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-8/10, SC-8/11 and SC-8/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

Following COP-13, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group on POP wastes, engaged consultants to work on the development of new technical guidelines on short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCP) and on the updates of the technical guidelines on hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD), unintentionally produced POPs (UPOPs) and of the general technical guidelines. Norway led the update of the polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) technical guidelines, also in consultation with the small intersessional working group.

These draft technical guidelines were presented at the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, as documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/9, INF/10, INF/11, INF/12 and INF/13.

By decision OEWG-11/3, the Open-ended Working Group invites Parties and others to provide comments and information on the different POP wastes technical guidelines, which were presented at OEWG-11, and which will be revised by the Secretariat and Norway, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, as per the table below.

Invitation:

	Invitation	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the draft technical guidelines prepared in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision OEWG-11/3 to the Secretariat	Parties and observers	The revised technical guidelines will be prepared by 31 October 2018 in English, and made available as COP-14 documents as soon as possible. Please submit comments on these documents to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	15 February 2019

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