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**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:
implementation plans****Implementation plans****Note by the Secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. The present note provides information on the implementation of the mandate established by decision [SC-11/7](#), on implementation plans, which was adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants at its eleventh meeting.

II. Implementation**A. Transmission of national implementation plans**

2. At its meetings in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022 and 2023, the Conference of the Parties adopted amendments to list new chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention.¹ The following table summarizes the number of Parties that have transmitted national implementation plans.

Number of Parties having transmitted their national implementation plans as at 8 November 2024

<i>National implementation plans</i>	<i>Number of Parties</i>
Addressing the initial 12 chemicals	177
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2009	117
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2011	107
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2013	75
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2015	55
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2017	40
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2019	25
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2022	2
Addressing the chemicals listed in 2023	2

* UNEP/POPS/COP.12/1.

¹ See decisions SC-4/10–18; SC-5/3; SC-6/13; SC-7/12–14; SC-8/10–12; SC-9/4, 9/11 and 9/12; SC-10/13; and SC-11/9–11.

3. The implementation plans transmitted by Parties are available on the Convention website.² Information on the status of transmission of national implementation plans is summarized in document UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/19.
4. By decision SC-11/19, the Conference of the Parties adopted procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Stockholm Convention. Information on the possible examination of systemic issues of general compliance and implementation of interest to all Parties pertaining to national implementation plans may be found in document UNEP/POPS/COP.12/22.

B. Guidance on developing and updating national implementation plans

5. Thanks to generous financial support provided by the European Union and the Government of Belgium,³ the Secretariat has revised the guidance documents referenced in paragraph 3 of decision SC-11/7, taking into consideration the comments received,⁴ and has prepared the following new draft guidance documents and made them available on the Convention website:⁵

- (a) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of methoxychlor (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/20);
- (b) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of Dechlorane Plus (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/21);
- (c) Draft guidance on preparing inventories of UV-328 (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/22);
- (d) Draft guidance on alternatives to methoxychlor (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/23);
- (e) Draft guidance on alternatives to Dechlorane Plus (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/24);
- (f) Draft guidance on alternatives to UV-328 (UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/25).

6. In addition, with generous financial support from the European Union and in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Secretariat has developed an online course entitled “National Implementation Plans and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants”.⁶ The course provides an introduction to the process of preparing, reviewing and updating national implementation plans.

7. Information on capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat to support Parties in reviewing and updating their implementation plans is provided in document UNEP/CHW.17/INF/41–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/28.

C. Electronic templates for reporting quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans, harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention

8. In response to the invitation made in paragraph 8 of decision SC-11/7, the Secretariat received comments⁷ regarding the electronic template for reporting of quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans, harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention.⁸ The template was developed in cooperation with the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as part of its medium-sized projects under the Global Environment Facility.

9. Taking into account the comments received and in cooperation with UNEP, the Secretariat has revised the electronic template and made it available on the website of the Stockholm Convention for use by Parties.⁹

² <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/253/Default.aspx>.

³ Government of Flanders.

⁴ See <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/9769/Default.aspx>.

⁵ See <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730>.

⁶ Available at <https://uncclearn.org/course/view.php?id=133&page=overview>.

⁷ <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/9769/Default.aspx>.

⁸ For more information, see www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/persistent-organic-pollutants/national-implementation-1 and www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/persistent-organic-pollutants/national-implementation-0.

⁹ See <https://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730>.

III. Proposed action

10. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the implementation plans transmitted by Parties pursuant to Article 7 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
2. *Urges* those Parties that have not yet developed or updated their implementation plans to expedite their efforts and transmit their plans as soon as possible;¹⁰
3. *Takes note* of the draft guidance on inventories and alternatives to the newly listed persistent organic pollutants,¹¹ along with other available guidance supporting the development and updating of national implementation plans under the Stockholm Convention;¹²
4. *Also takes note* of the online course entitled “National Implementation Plans and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants”, developed in cooperation with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;¹³
5. *Further takes note* of the electronic templates for reporting quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans, harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention¹⁴ and revised in cooperation with the Chemicals and Health Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme, encourages Parties to pilot test those templates, and invites Parties and observers to submit comments regarding the templates to the Secretariat by 31 October 2025;
6. *Invites* Parties and observers to submit comments to the Secretariat by 31 October 2025 on the guidance and the online course referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above;
7. *Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal to review the waste-related aspects of the guidance mentioned in paragraph 3 above and to submit comments thereon to the Secretariat by 31 October 2025;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:
 - (a) To continue to support Parties in developing, reviewing and updating their national implementation plans;
 - (b) To further revise, in consultation with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and experts on best available techniques and best environmental practices, as appropriate, the guidance referred to in paragraph 3 above, taking into account the comments received pursuant to paragraphs 6 and 7 above;
 - (c) To identify additional needs for guidance and tools to assist Parties in developing and updating their national implementation plans and to develop such resources as appropriate;
 - (d) To continue improving the electronic templates for reporting quantitative and qualitative information contained in national implementation plans, harmonized with the reporting under Article 15 of the Convention, as appropriate, taking into account the comments received from Parties pursuant to paragraph 5 above;
9. *Further requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to develop for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting:
 - (a) Guidance on preparing inventories of the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-12/[--], SC-12/[--] and SC-12/[--];

¹⁰ UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/19.

¹¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/20; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/21; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/22; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/23; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/24; UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/25.

¹² See <http://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730>.

¹³ Available at <https://unccelearn.org/course/view.php?id=133&page=overview>.

¹⁴ See <https://chm.pops.int/tabid/7730>.

(b) Guidance on alternatives to the persistent organic pollutants listed in decisions SC-12/[--], SC-12/[--] and SC-12/[--].
