

# Stockholm Convention

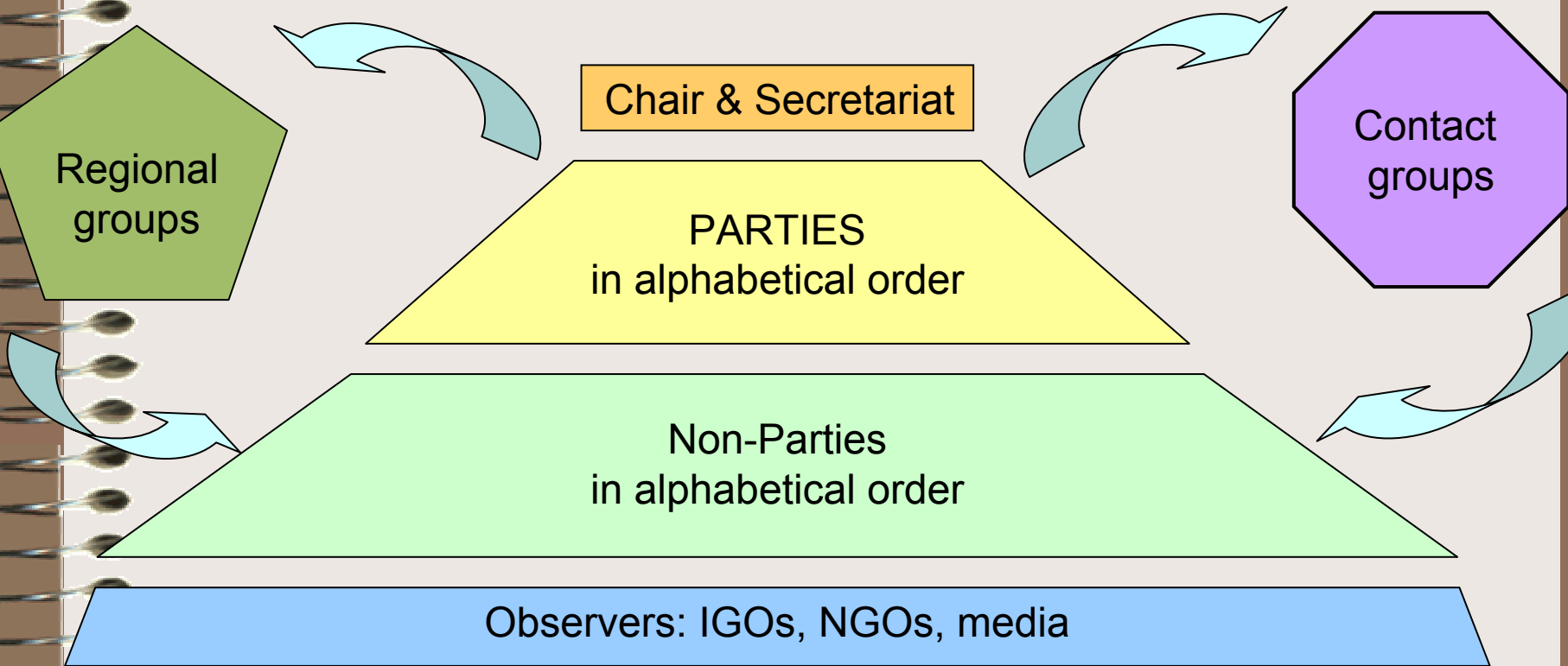
## **Developments**

# Schedules for SC-COP1

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- Punta del Este, Uruguay, 2–6 May 2005
- Invitations and agenda: 14 January
- Mailing of meeting documents:
  - 3 February
  - 4 March:
  - 1 May

# Arrangements at the CoP



# Your roles as a Party: Summary

- ‘Full (voting)\* member’ at the CoP
- Review & expert groups (e.g. Arts. 8, 19)
  - Participate directly or through regional representative
- Register:
  - Specific exemptions (Article 4)
  - Acceptable purposes (Article 4)
- Notify:
  - Articles in use (Annexes A & B note ii)
  - Closed-system, site-limited uses (Annexes A & B note iii)
- Propose:
  - A chemical for listing (Article 8)

\* In certain matters, and whenever possible, the CoP will operate by consensus

# What will COP 1 aim at (1)

- Ensure that decisions are taken on:
- Evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control
- Decision on review process for entries in the Register of specific exemptions
- Adoption of guidance to the financial mechanism and agreement with the entity or entities participating in the mechanism (specifically MOU with the Council of the GEF)
- Establishment of periodicity and format for reports by Parties
- Establish arrangements to provide the COP with comparable monitoring data on the presence of persistent organic pollutants
- Adopt rules of procedure and financial rules for the COP and any subsidiary bodies
- Establish the subsidiary POPs Review Committee

# What will COP 1 aim at (2)

- The second objective is to take action and/or decisions on as many as possible of the following items that are or will be required to implement the Convention or to make decisions at subsequent COP meetings:
  - A format for the DDT register;
  - A format for reports on DDT
  - A format for the Register of specific exemptions;
  - A process for developing guidelines to assist Parties in preventing the formation and release of chemicals listed in Annex C;
  - Adopt guidelines on (BAT) and (BEP)
  - Endorse a toolkit for evaluating releases of chemicals in Annex C;

# What will COP 1 aim at (3)

- Establish:
- levels of destruction and irreversible transformation;
- Methods that constitute environmentally sound disposal for POPs;
- Concentration levels of Annexes A, B, C chemicals in order to define the “low” POP content referred to in Article 6;
- Guidance on the development of NIPs;
- Guidance on the review/updating of NIPs
- Determine further development of the proposed clearing-house mechanism;
- Adopt guidance on technical assistance for capacity-building relating to implementation of Convention obligations;

# What will COP 1 aim at (4)

- Provide guidance on and establish arrangements for technical assistance and promoting transfer of technology to DCs and CETs and regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and transfer of technology
- Adopt on terms of reference for the review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism not later than COP2
- Develop and approve, as soon as practicable, procedures and institutional mechanisms for determining non-compliance
- Adopt arbitration procedures in an annex to the Convention as soon as practicable;
- Adopt procedures relating to a conciliation commission;
- Decide on a location for the Secretariat; and
- Consider a report on liability and redress and make any decision on possible future action.

# Decision INC-7/2: DDT

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- Secretariat and WHO to:
  - field test reporting format and questionnaire for each Party using DDT for disease vector control, and revise as necessary
  - submit the modified format and questionnaire to the first meeting of the COP for consideration and possible adoption, with any amendments;
  - initial list of information items needed for evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control to be submitted to the COP

# Decision INC-7/3: Specific exemptions

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- To submit to the COP:
  - a format for country requesting an extension of a specific exemption contained
  - options for the review process for entries in the register of specific exemptions;
  - draft format for a register of specific exemptions;
- Secretariat to establish a provisional register of exemptions

# Decision INC-7/5: Dioxin & Furan Toolkit

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- Governments and others to provide comments on the Toolkit, and information and methodologies on other chemicals under Article 5 and Annex C
- Secretariat to prepare and issue a revised version of the Toolkit for submission to COP-1
- Secretariat to develop a proposal for the ongoing review and updating of the Toolkit for submission to COP-1

# Decision INC-7/7: Interim Guidance for Preparation of NIPs

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- Governments using the interim NIP guidance to provide comments
- Secretariat to prepare revised interim guidance and submit it to COP-1
- Secretariat to develop draft guidance for a review and updating process that could be triggered
  - by major changes in national circumstances,
  - changes in obligations under the Convention, or
  - if the existing plans proved to be insufficient during practice.

# Decision INC-7/8: Technical Assistance

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- Letter sent to governments on 11 February 2004
- Governments to identify areas and issues in NIP preparation where they may require technical assistance;
- Secretariat to prepare draft guidance on technical assistance for consideration and possible decision by COP-1
- Secretariat to undertake a feasibility study and case studies on the regional and subregional delivery of technical assistance and to report on the results of the study to COP-1

# Some common elements of technical assistance needs and priorities

- (a) Development of national implementation plans as called for in Article 7 of the Convention;
- (b) Review of available infrastructure, capacity and institutions at the national and local levels, and the potential to strengthen them in light of the Convention;
- (c) Training for decision makers, managers and personnel who are responsible for issues related to the Convention in:
  - (i) Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) identification;
  - (ii) Technical assistance needs identification;
  - (iii) Project proposal writing;
  - (iv) Legislation development and enforcement;
  - (v) POPs inventory development;
  - (vi) Risk assessment and management of PCBs, dioxins and furans;

- (d) Development and strengthening of research capacity at the national, subregional and regional levels:
  - (i) Development and introduction of alternatives to POPs;
  - (ii) Training of technical personnel;
- (e) Development and establishment of laboratory capacity, including promotion of standard sampling and analysis procedures for the validation of inventories;
- (f) Development, implementation and enforcement of regulatory controls and incentives for the sound management of POPs;
- (g) Identification and disposal of POPs wastes, including technology transfer for the destruction of such wastes;
- (h) Identification and promotion of best available techniques and best environmental practices;
- (i) Identification and remediation of POPs-contaminated sites;
- (j) Promotion of awareness-raising and information-dissemination programmes;
- (k) Identification of the obstacles and barriers that exist in the transfer of technology and identification of the means to overcome them.

# Decision INC-7/9: Financial Mechanism

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- Principles for eligibility for financial support for activities under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants should follow the following:
  - Support available to developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties;
  - for enabling activities, developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are signatories or in the process of becoming Parties should also be eligible;
  - developing countries and countries with economies in transition are those countries which are eligible according to current Global Environment Facility criteria;

# Dec. INC-7/9: Financial Mechanism (2)

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- Process to prepare draft guidance to the financial mechanism required under paragraph 7 of Article 13 for COP-1
- Developing draft terms of reference for the review of the financial mechanism for consideration and possible decision by COP-1

# INC-7: Other Decisions

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- INC-7/1: Budget for 2003 and 2004-2005
- INC-7/4: Exempted use
- INC-7/6: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutant wastes
- INC-7/10. Draft memorandum of understanding with the Global Environment Facility
- INC-7/11: Party reporting under Article 15
- INC-7/12: Effectiveness evaluation
- INC-7/13: Offers to host the permanent Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention

# Nomination of Convention focal points

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- Paragraph 3 of Article 9 on information exchange, requires that each Party designate a national focal point for the exchange of information specified in that Article. A form for this purpose is available at [www.pops.int/documents/focalpoints/](http://www.pops.int/documents/focalpoints/).

# National focal points

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- Focal point must be strengthened
- Full scope of responsibilities to be defined (national and international levels )
- Convention specific on data collection and exchange, awareness raising
- But not so much on
  - Status?
  - Support?
- Canada and Swiss funding available for initiating activities aimed at strengthening FP

# Registering for specific exemptions:

- The implementation of these obligations is made subject to listing of specific exemptions for production and use of chemicals listed in Annexes A and B, in the Register of Specific Exemptions established under paragraph 1 of Article 4 of the Convention. The provisional Register is available at:  
[www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers).

- Upon entry into force of the Convention, the Register of Specific Exemptions came into effect, thus in pursuance of paragraph 3 of Article 4 of the Convention, any State may, on becoming a Party, by means of a notification in writing to the Secretariat, register for one or more types of specific exemptions listed in Annex A or B of the Convention. If your country wishes to be included in the above-mentioned register, it must submit a written notification to the Secretariat, registering for one or more specific exemptions listed in Annex A or B of the Convention. A form to submit entries for the register is available at: [www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers)

# Registering for DDT production and/or use as an allowable purpose:

- In accordance with Part II of Annex B, a DDT Register is established. This register, in provisional form, is available at: [www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers). Parties who intend to produce and/or use DDT for disease vector control pursuant to Annex B of the Convention are invited to notify the Secretariat accordingly in order to be listed in the DDT Register. A form for this purpose is available at: [www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers).

# Notifying articles in use for chemicals listed in Annexes A and B

- note (ii) of Annexes A and B, quantities of chemicals listed in these Annexes occurring as constituents of articles manufactured or already in use before or on the date of the entry into force of the relevant obligations with respect to that chemical, shall not be considered as listed in the Annexes, provided that a Party has notified the Secretariat that a particular type of article remains in use for that Party
- [www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers).

## Notifying production and use of closed-system site-limited intermediates for chemicals listed in Annexes A and B

- the production and use of quantities of chemicals listed in the annexes as a closed-system site-limited intermediate can proceed in case the Party in question notified the Secretariat of such production and use. Presently, this provision only applies to hexachlorobenzene and DDT.
- [www.pops.int/documents/registers](http://www.pops.int/documents/registers).

# Developing and implementing national implementation and action plans:

- Article 7 on implementation plans requires each Party to develop and endeavour to implement a plan for the implementation of its obligations under the Convention, and transmit the implementation plan to the Conference of the Parties within two years of the date on which the Convention enters into force for it. Interim guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention is available at:
  - <http://www.pops.int/documents/implementation/nips/guidance/default.htm>

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