SUMMARY RECORD (DRAFT)
4TH MEETING OF THE IOMC TECHNICAL COORDINATING GROUP ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)

7 NOVEMBER, 2005
WASHINGTON, DC

1. The fourth meeting of the IOMC Coordinating Group on POPs was held in Washington, DC, at the World Bank Headquarters on 7 November 2005. The meeting was chaired by UNITAR (Craig Boljkovac). The following organizations were represented: UNEP, UNIDO, UNITAR and the World Bank. WHO sent its regrets in advance of the meeting.

Review of Minutes of CG #3 Meeting

2. Before reviewing the previous minutes in detail, UNEP extended its apologies to UNITAR for an (apparent) lack of secretariat assistance to the Chair since the last CG meeting.

3. The Chair reviewed the draft minutes of the previous Coordinating Group meeting (IOMC_CG_POPs/4.03).

4. UNEP will circulate its latest list of NIP country contacts, though it was felt that they are not in a position to keep this list updated regularly (Paragraph 10).

5. With regard to the issue of the development of a POPs CG brochure (Paragraph 10), the participants no longer supported this idea.

6. In conclusion, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without changes.

Approval of Agenda

7. The draft agenda (IOMC_CG_POPs/4.01) was approved without changes.

Relationship between IOMC Coordinating Group and GEF POPs Task Force

8. The Chair referred to an email from Laurent Granier of the GEF Secretariat (IOMC_CG_POPs/4.04), which was sent in response to a request from this group that this meeting be a joint meeting with the GEF POPs Task Force. Mr. Granier questioned the need for a joint meeting at this time or on a regular basis but supported the inclusion of organizations not represented on the Task Force on an as-needed, *ad hoc* basis.

9. After some discussion the participants agreed with the position put forward by GEFSEC, and reiterated the need to have a separate group to, for example, discuss issues that can be raised at a later date with GEFSEC.

Preparations for Stockholm Convention COP-2

10. It was agreed that discussions at the previous meeting, held the same morning (7 November) of the GEF POPs Task Force, where John Whitelaw (UNEP) briefed the group on preparations for COP-2, need not be repeated at this meeting, since all participants were present at the GEF meeting.

11. At the GEF POPs Task Force Meeting, UNEP had explained that the COP will be held at the International Conference Centre (CICG) building in Geneva from 1-5 May 2006. A meeting of an open-ended working group on non-compliance will also be held on 28-29 April 2006 (immediately before the COP). Issues to be discussed will include, *inter alia*: the possible addition of new chemicals (five were proposed at a meeting of the POPs Review Committee); budget and staffing issues; synergies between the Stockholm, Rotterdam and Basel Conventions; socio-economic issues; and BAT-BEP guidance.

Reporting by POs on POPs-Related Project Work

12. In addition to the discussion on GEF-related projects held at the earlier GEF POPs Task Force meeting, further reporting took place at this meeting on the following:

    - A joint WHO/UNEP project on DDT use, including a series of regional workshops to assist DDT-using countries to become familiar with a questionnaire developed on DDT use;
    - A UNEP labs project aimed at assessing analytical capacities for dealing with POPs analysis on a regional basis – including the assessment of gaps and, as a project outcome, resulting in a proposal for a project to address the identified gaps. A number of regional workshops are planned;
    - An experts meeting will be held in Melbourne the second week of December to examine information regarding to dioxins and furans emissions from uncontrolled combustion including municipal waste burning. This meeting is being held partly due to new information from preliminary inventories being developed as part of country National Implementation Plans indicating that this type of activity may be a more dominant source of emissions than previously expected;
    - A multi-country study on presence of POPs at high altitudes (involving Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy) is under way.

Future Plans of POs Related to POPs, and Opportunities for Coordination/Cooperation

13. Steve Gorman (World Bank) raised an issue that the Bank is examining regarding possible interlinkages among different areas of work, including POPs, climate change, mercury, etc. He also noted the possibility of examining cooperation between GEF Task Forces on POPs and other focal areas, including climate change, biodiversity etc. These ideas will likely be further developed after some clarity is provided through the ongoing GEF replenishment discussions. Mr. Gorman suggested that the CG may consider a possible role for IOMC POs in fostering/promoting such interlinkages. He agreed to provide a thought piece on this issue in advance of the next meeting of the CG.

Next Meeting and Closure of This Meeting

14. The next meeting of the Coordinating Group was proposed for May, 2006 in Geneva, to be held on the margins of a UNEP-convened meeting on PCBs. It was suggested by UNEP that a meeting on the margins of COP-2 would not be possible due to workload demands with the Secretariat.

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Annex 1

4th Meeting of the IOMC Coordinating Group on POPs

World Bank Headquarters, Washington D.C.

1pm-5pm, Monday, 7 November 2005
Room MC-4-500 (4th floor)

(Lunch served immediately before the meeting; coffee break at 3:30)

1) **Approval of draft Agenda** (all) (document: IOMC_CG_POPs/4.01, and IOMC-CG-POPs/4.02)

2) **Review of record of 3rd IOMC CG meeting** (all) (document: IOMC_CG_POPs/4.03)

3) **Relationship between IOMC CG and GEF POPs Task Force** (IOMC_CG_POPs/4.04 – email from Laurent Granier)

4) **Preparations for SC COP-2** (SSC representative)

5) **Reporting by POs on POPs-related project work (including, but not limited to, GEF projects)** (all – this item may be dropped if all relevant discussions occur at the earlier GEF POPs Task Force Meeting)

6) **Future plans of POs related to POPs, and opportunities for coordination/cooperation** (all)

7) **Other business/ next meeting**

Annex 2

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3rd Meeting of the IOMC Coordinating Group on POPs

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