THE DECISIONS ON DDT

SC-1/25: DDT

The Conference of the Parties

1. **Adopts** the format of the DDT register contained in annex I of the present decision and requests the Secretariat to continue to make it publicly available on the Convention website (www.pops.int);

2. **Approves** the form for notification of production and use of DDT for disease vector control contained in annex II of the present decision and requests the Secretariat to continue to make it publicly available on the Convention website;

3. **Reminds** Parties of their obligation in paragraphs 2 and 3 of part II of Annex B to the Convention to notify the Secretariat of their intention to produce and/or use DDT for disease vector control, and to do so by means of the form referred to in paragraph 2 above;

4. **Adopts** the format and questionnaire contained in annex III to the present decision and requests the Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, to keep under regular review the adequacy of the information required under sections A, B, C and D thereof and propose to the Conference of the Parties any modifications that are deemed essential;

5. **Reminds** Parties that use DDT for disease vector control to provide to the Secretariat and the World Health Organization (in 2007 and every third year thereafter) information on the amount used, the conditions of such use and its relevance to each Party’s disease management strategy, as required under paragraph 4 of part II of Annex B to the Convention;

6. **Reminds** Parties that produce, use, export, import or maintain stocks of DDT to so inform the Secretariat and the World Health Organization through sections A, B, C and D of the questionnaire set out in annex III to the present decision in order to assist the Conference of the Parties in its evaluation of the continued need for DDT in disease vector control;

7. **Adopts** the list of information items needed for the evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control set out in annex IV to the present decision and requests the Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, to keep under regular review the adequacy of the information required and propose to the Conference of the Parties any modifications that are deemed essential;

8. **Takes note** of the report of the expert group contained in annex II to the note by the Secretariat on evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control, including the conclusions and recommendations contained therein, and based on them:

   (a) **Concludes** that countries that are currently using DDT for disease vector control may need to continue such use until locally appropriate and cost-effective alternatives are available for sustainable transition away from DDT;

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(b) Concludes that sufficient capacity at the national and subnational levels is necessary for effective implementation, monitoring and impact evaluation (including associated data management) of the use of DDT and its alternatives in disease vector control, and recommends that the financial mechanism of the Convention support activities to build and strengthen such capacity as well as measures to strengthen relevant public health systems;

(c) Requests the Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, to elaborate further the reporting and evaluation process on DDT, as envisaged in the first recommendation of the expert group report on DDT, and to prepare cost estimates on such a process for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting;

(d) Requests the Secretariat, in cooperation with the World Health Organization, to provide an overview of alternatives and their effectiveness to assist Parties in their goal of reducing and ultimately eliminating the use of DDT;

(e) Decides that adequate resources should be budgeted for 2006 to meet the needs specified for activities 2 and 3 of the work plan outlined in annex III to the note by the Secretariat on evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control, on immediate actions to support the preparations of Parties for reporting on DDT and the review and assessment process required for future evaluations of the continued need for DDT, and invites countries to provide in 2005 the resources necessary for activity 1;

(f) Requests the financial mechanism of the Convention, and invites other international financial institutions, to support ongoing processes to develop global partnerships on long-term strategies for developing and deploying cost-effective alternatives to DDT, including the development of insecticides for indoor residual spraying, long-lasting insecticide treated materials and non-chemical alternatives;

(g) Requests the Secretariat to work closely with the World Health Organization on ongoing efforts to provide global leadership for the partnerships referred to in subparagraph 8 (f) above;

9. Invites States that are non-Parties to the Convention to participate in the activities outlined above.