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**Work to prepare for the entry into force of the Minamata
Convention on Mercury and for the first meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Convention: matters
required by the Convention to be decided upon by the
Conference of the Parties at its first meeting**

**Information on possible elements of guidance from the
Stockholm Convention to the Global Environment Facility that
also address the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam
conventions**

Note by the secretariat

In paragraphs 8 and 9 of decision SC-7/21, the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requested the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention to identify possible elements of guidance from the Stockholm Convention to the Global Environment Facility that also addressed the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions and to inform the intergovernmental negotiating committee to prepare a global legally binding instrument on mercury at its seventh session about that task. Accordingly, the secretariat has provided an initial non-exhaustive list of examples of activities funded by the Global Environment Facility in the context of the Stockholm Convention that also address relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions (see annex). The information is presented without formal editing.

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Annex

An initial non-exhaustive list of examples of activities funded by the Global Environment Facility in the context of the Stockholm Convention that also address relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions (January 2016)

1. To initiate the implementation of the paragraphs 8 and 9 of decision SC-7/21, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions met with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility during the meeting of the Council of the Facility in June 2015. The Secretariat also discussed this matter with the Secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, the Secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the interim Secretariat of the Minamata Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, in October 2015.
2. Based on these initial discussions, the process of identifying possible elements of guidance from the Stockholm Convention to the Global Environment Facility that also address the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions is guided by the following principles:
 - (a) The elements of guidance focus on the Stockholm Convention and make reference to relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions;
 - (b) Priorities under the Basel and Rotterdam conventions are derived from the conventions' texts and other relevant documents, such as, among others, the decisions of their conferences of the parties;
 - (c) The elements of guidance are action-oriented and promote synergies at all levels.
3. As a first step, the process seeks to identify cases in which activities funded under the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention already address the relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. At the time of preparation of the present note, the identification of such activities is ongoing. However, an initial list of examples of activities funded by the Global Environment Facility in the context of the Stockholm Convention that also address relevant priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions are set out in the annex to the present note.
4. Taking into account the preliminary outcomes of this process, guidance to the Financial Mechanism, pursuant to paragraph 8 of decision SC-7/21, could include the following non-exhaustive list of elements, by which the Financial Mechanism of the Stockholm Convention is requested to give priority to activities that promote:
 - (a) The environmentally sound management of waste containing and/or consisting of Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (b) The minimization of waste in view of reducing the emission of unintentionally produced Persistent Organic Pollutants;
 - (c) The development/strengthening of legal and regulatory frameworks at the national level to facilitate the environmentally sound management of Persistent Organic Pollutants and related waste covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.
5. The possible benefits of identifying elements of guidance to the Financial Mechanism include, among others, the identification of potential co-funding opportunities for Stockholm Convention-related activities funded by the Global Environment Facility.
6. As a second step, which will be undertaken in 2016, a gap analysis will identify further activities under the Stockholm Convention that, at the same time, address priorities of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions. This will also include a further analysis of potential benefits for recipient and donor countries of projects with joint components. The process is expected to identify a draft list of elements of guidance for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its eighth meeting in 2017.
7. As is evident from the table set out below that many projects funded by the Global Environment Facility in the current and past replenishment periods already address priorities of the Basel, Minamata, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in a joint manner. In addition, the GEF will receive guidance from the COP of the Minamata Convention on overall strategies, policies, programme priorities and eligibility for access to and utilization of financial resources as well as an indicative list of categories of activities to be funded.

GEF-ID	Project title
1802	Demonstrating and Promoting Best Techniques and Practices for Reducing Health-care Waste to Avoid Environmental Releases of Dioxins and Mercury
2097	Demonstration of Viability and Removal of Barriers that Impede Transfer of Environmentally sound non-combustion technologies for re-utilising plastic wastes including PVC
2467	Disposal of PCBs and Related Wastes and National Capacity Building on Sound Management of POPs and other Hazardous Wastes
2715	Disposal of PCB Wastes in Romania
2770	Demonstration of a Regional Approach to Environmentally Sound Management of PCB Liquid Wastes and Transformers and Capacitors Containing PCBs
2792	Disposal Planning Measures to Eliminate PCBs Waste Stockpiles of the Railways and other PCB Waste Holders
2793	Identification and Removal of Barriers for the Environmentally Sound Management of PCBs as Wastes in Selected CEE Countries
2872	Environmentally Sound Disposal of PCBs Containing Equipment and Waste
2926	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of Obsolete POPs Pesticides and Other POPs Wastes
2927	Environmentally Sustainable Management of Medical Waste in China
2995	Demonstrating and Promoting Best Techniques and Practices for Managing Healthcare Waste and PCBs
3035	Early measures to eliminate PCBs waste stockpiles of the Railways and other PCB waste holders
3191	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of Medical Waste
3263	Strengthening Institutions, Regulations and Enforcement Capacities for Effective and Efficient Implementation of the National Implementation Plan (NIP) in China
3281	Integrated Solid Waste Management
3282	Establishment of PCB Waste Management and Disposal System
3544	Introduction of an Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal System for PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment
3545	Capacity Building for Sound Management of Medical Waste
3571	Technical Assistance for Environmentally Sustainable Management of PCBs and Other POPs Waste in the Republic of Armenia
3610	Environmentally Sound Management of PCB Containing Equipment and Wastes and Upgrade of Technical Expertise in the Country
3803	Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Wastes in India
3982	Elimination of POPs Wastes
3986	Disposal of POPs Wastes and Obsolete Pesticides
4011	Capacity Building for the Environmentally Sound Management of POPs and the Destruction of PCB Wastes
4066	PAS: Pacific POPs Release Reduction Through Improved Management of Solid and Hazardous Wastes
4153	Minimizing Dioxin/Furan Releases from Waste Incineration in Earthquake Affected Areas in Sichuan
4192	Development of Emission Factors for Forest Fires and Open Burning of Agricultural Wastes (rice and sugar cane) in Developing Countries
4363	Environmental Management for POPs emissions reduction and elimination from Municipal Solid Wastes Streams
4392	Protect Human Health and the Environment from Unintentional Releases of POPs Originating from Incineration and Open Burning of Health Care- and Electronic-waste
4442	NIP Update, Integration of POPs into National Planning and Promoting Sound Healthcare Waste Management in Kazakhstan
4446	Introduction of an Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal System for PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment in Indonesia
4508	Environmentally Sound Management of POPs and Destruction of PCBs Wastes
4614	Hospital Waste Management Support Project
4617	Municipal Solid Waste Management
4858	Environmentally-sound Management and Disposal of PCBs and Medical Wastes
4862	Reduction of POPs and PTS Release by Environmentally Sound Management throughout the Life Cycle of Electrical and Electronic Equipment and Associated Wastes in China
4888	Environmentally Sound Management of Municipal and Hazardous Solid Waste to Reduce Emission of Unintentional POPs

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5040	Investment Promotion on Environmentally sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste: Up-Scale and Promotion of Activities and Initiatives on Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste
5043	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs and Medical Wastes
5052	Reducing Releases of PBDEs and UPOPs Originating from Unsound Waste Management and Recycling Practices and the Manufacturing of Plastics in Indonesia
5068	Protect Human Health and the Environment from Unintentional Releases of POPs and Mercury from the Unsound Disposal of Healthcare Waste in Kyrgyzstan
5094	Belize Chemicals and Waste Management Programme
5179	Sound Management of POPs Containing Waste
5314	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of PCBs Wastes and PCB Contaminated Equipment in Sri Lanka
5322	Promotion of BAT and BEP to Reduce uPOPs Releases from Waste Open Burning in the Participating African Countries of COMESA-SADC Subregions
5554	Strengthening of National Initiatives and Enhancement of Regional Cooperation for the Environmentally Sound Management of POPs in Waste of Electronic or Electrical Equipment (WEEE) in Latin-American Countries
5646	Environmentally Sound Management of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) - Containing Equipment and Wastes and Upgrade of Technical Expertise in Bolivia
5713	Demonstration of BAT/BEP for the Reduction of Unintentionally Produced Persistent Organic Pollutants (U-POPs) and Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs) Releases from E-waste Recycling and Disposal
5816	Environmentally Sound Management and Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) - Containing Equipment and Disposal of DDT Wastes, and Upgrade of Technical Expertise
5908	Hazardous and Persistent Organic Pollutants Waste Management Project
6908	GEF-6 Test W - Chemicals and Waste
6928	Reducing UPOPs and Mercury Releases from Healthcare Waste Management, e-Waste Treatment, Scrap Processing and Biomass Burning
6987	Protect Human Health and the Environment from Unintentional Releases of POPs and Mercury from the Unsound Disposal of Healthcare Waste in Tajikistan
9078	Implementation of PCB Management Programs for Electric Cooperatives and Safe e-wastes Management
9079	Environmentally Sound Management of Products and Wastes Containing POPs and Risks Associated with their Final Disposal
9080	Integrated Health and Environment Observatories and Legal and Institutional Strengthening for the Sound Management of Chemicals in Africa (African ChemObs)
9084	Demonstration of Environmentally Sound Management of DDT and POPs waste in Central Asia in line with the requirements of the Basel and Stockholm Conventions
9109	Environmentally Sound Management of Waste Containing POPs and PTS in Kenya
9189	Reduction and Elimination of POPs and Other Chemical Releases through Implementation of Environmentally Sound Management of E-Waste, Healthcare Waste and Priority U-POPs Release Sources Associated with General Waste Management Activities
9217	Reduction and Elimination of POPs, Mercury and Other Chemical Releases through the Implementation of Environmentally-Sound Management of E-waste and Waste Fluorescent Light Tubes
9221	Development of Waste Disposal Industrial Sector for Persistent Organic Pollutants and Hazardous Waste in Nigeria
9238	Establishment of a Sound Integrated Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and POPs Wastes in Uganda
9263	Multi-Sector Waste Management Development to Reduce the Emission of Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and Polychlorinated Biphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)
9278	Demonstration of Best Practices in Healthcare Waste Management, Electronic Wastes and NIP Update Project in the Republic Moldova