

SC-6/15: Technical assistance

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Secretariat on technical assistance for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention;¹
2. *Invites* developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition to continue to provide information to the Secretariat on their needs in terms of technical assistance and technology transfer and the barriers and obstacles in that regard;
3. *Invites* developed-country parties and others with the capacity to do so to continue to provide information to the Secretariat on the technical assistance and technologies that they have available to be transferred to developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition;
4. *Encourages* parties and relevant international and non-governmental organizations, including regional centres, to provide to the Secretariat by 31 May 2014 information on their experiences in implementing the guidance on technical assistance and the transfer of sound technologies set out in the annex to decision SC-1/15;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to develop, within available resources, online questionnaires for the collection of the information referred to in paragraphs 2–4 above;
6. *Takes note* of the programme for technical assistance set out in the note by the Secretariat on that subject² and requests the Secretariat to enhance its work to facilitate the delivery of technical assistance and the transfer of environmentally sound technologies in accordance with decision SC-1/15, taking into account the elements contained in the technical assistance programme;
7. *Underscores* the important role to be played by the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres in delivering technical assistance at the regional level regarding the implementation of the technical assistance programme and facilitating technology transfer;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting concerning:
 - (a) Progress in the application of the guidance set out in the annex to decision SC-1/15, taking into account, in particular, the needs identified by parties in:
 - (i) National implementation plans pursuant to Article 7 of the Convention;
 - (ii) National reports pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention;
 - (iii) Any information collected pursuant to paragraphs 2–4, above;
 - (b) Progress in the implementation of its technical assistance programme;
 - (c) Means to address the obstacles and barriers to technology transfer pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 above;
9. *Also requests* the Secretariat to prepare a technical assistance programme for the biennium 2016–2017 based on the information collected pursuant to the present decision and taking into account the synergies process.

¹ UNEP/POPS/COP.6/18.

² UNEP/POPS/COP.6/INF/18.