

Convention: SC		Developing a process for evaluation of need for exemptions
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PoW: 22 (SC) Scientific support to Parties of the Stockholm Convention; Related also to PoW 16 (SC) Training and capacity building activities to enhance implementation of the Stockholm Convention on regional level. Article 4, Annex A, Parts IV and V and Annex B, Parts II and III of the Stockholm Convention Related COP decisions: SC-6/2, SC-6/3, SC-6/4 		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:		
This activity enables implementation of Article 4 of the Stockholm Convention, as well as to benefit parties of the provisions related to specific exemptions and acceptable purposes. It also provides support to Parties in this process.		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide guidance to parties to support them in registering for specific exemptions and acceptable purposes; Revise the form for notification of specific exemptions for endosulfan and revise the register of specific exemptions to include endosulfan; Revise the draft processes for the evaluation by the COP of the progress made in eliminating BDEs in articles and the continued need for specific exemptions and/or acceptable purposes for BDEs and PFOS, on the basis of amendments decided by COP-6; Revise the draft format for reporting by parties that use or produce PFOS on the progress made in eliminating PFOS in accordance with para. 3 of part III of Annex B to the Convention (as part of reporting under Article 15), on the basis of amendments decided by COP-6; Continuously update the registers of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes to reflect incoming notifications from parties; Develop materials and activities, including webinars regional training workshops (in conjunction with workshops on related issues such as reporting under Article 15 of the Convention) to raise parties' awareness about specific exemptions and/or acceptable purposes for newly listed POPs; Update the Stockholm Convention website on exemptions as required, to reflect the outputs of activities 2 to 5. 		
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised and updated registers of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes that reflect exemptions for newly listed POPs and incoming notifications by Parties; Forms for notification of specific exemptions and acceptable purposes for newly listed POPs; Processes to enable the COP to evaluate the progress made in eliminating BDEs in articles and the continued need for specific exemptions and/or acceptable purposes for BDEs and PFOS (USD 20,000 for a consultancy); Scientific content for technical assistance workshops and awareness raising activities related to specific exemptions and acceptable purposes of POPs. 		
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1200	Consultants	20,000
30	TRAINING COMPONENT	
3300	Meetings and Conferences	¹

¹ Training activities related to specific exemptions and acceptable purposes: USD 20,000 for workshops

VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015	
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET	20,000
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	2,600
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET	22,600