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With a view to the meeting of the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) on 6 March 2023, delegations will find in the Annex a compromise text prepared by the Presidency.

The draft takes account of discussions held at the Working Party on International Environment Issues (International Chemicals/Synergies) on 14 February 2023 and comments received afterwards.

Changes to the Commission's proposal (5841/23) are set out in **bold** and ~~striketrough~~ for deletions.

**Draft**

**COUNCIL DECISION**

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposals for amendment of Annex A to that Convention**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 192(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (the ‘Convention’) was concluded by the Union by Council Decision 2006/507/EC<sup>1</sup> and entered into force on 17 May 2004.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 8 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention may list chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Convention and specify control measures related to such chemicals.
- (3) At its eleventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention is expected to adopt decisions to list further chemicals in Annex A to the Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision 2006/507/EC of 14 October 2004 concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Community, of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (OJ L 209, 31.7.2006, p. 1).

- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Conference of the Parties, as the decisions will be binding on the Union.
- (5) In order to protect human health and the environment from further releases of dechlorane plus, methoxychlor and UV-328, it is necessary to reduce or eliminate the production and use of those chemicals at global level and to support their listing in the relevant annexes to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants ~~and any subsequent Conference of the Parties where the point is on the agenda~~ shall be the following, taking due account of the relevant recommendations of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC):

- (a) to support the listing of dechlorane plus in Annex A, with the specific exemptions recommended by the POPRC;
- (b) to support the listing of methoxychlor in Annex A, without any specific exemptions;
- (c) to support the listing of UV-328 in Annex A, with the specific exemptions recommended by the POPRC.

*Article 2*

Refinements of the position referred to in Article 1, in light of the developments at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention ~~and any subsequent Conference of the Parties where the point is on the agenda~~ may be agreed upon by representatives of the Union, in consultation with the Member States, during on-the-spot coordination meetings without a further decision of the Council.

*Article 3*

This Decision ~~is addressed to the Commission~~ **shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.**

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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