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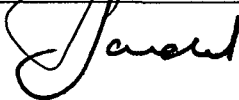
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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT
ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs)**

ENDORSEMENT WORKSHOP REPORT

(February - December 2004)

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INTRODUCTION

The main objective of the “Enabling activities to facilitate early action on the implementation of the Stockholm convention on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)” project is to prepare inventories of threats from use of hazardous substances (at present and in the past), subject of the Stockholm Convention in Poland and to develop the National Implementation Plan. The main result of the project will be the ratification of the Stockholm Convention by the Polish State and development of instruments required for its implementation.

Results attained during the preceding implementation activities were presented by the:

- “Inception Workshop Report” [1],
- “National Profile of Persistent Organic Pollutants” [2],
- “Validation Workshop Report” [3] and
- “Progress report on activities performed during the NIP Development Phase” [4].

The GF/POL/01/004 is being implemented with financial support of the Global Environmental Facility under Contract No. 2001/369 entrusted by the United Nations Industrial Development Programme (UNIDO) to the Institute of Environmental Protection (IEP) in Poland in 2002 and amended by Annex 1 signed in 2004.

This report presents the results of project activities attained during the last – fifth phase (February 2004 – December 2004). Main outputs of this phase are:

- development of the „National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention” (NIP),
- circulation of the draft NIP and obtaining commitments from stakeholders and decision-makers concerning the implementation,
- endorsement of the NIP by the Project Steering Committee and the Minister of Environment.

In addition to that the “Persistent Organic Pollutants: Volume II. National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention” in Polish language and the information & educational brochures on handling PCBs and on hazards posed by PCDD/Fs were published. Circulation of information concerning POPs and their threat to health, life and environment on the project website was continued. The Annex 10 presents the detailed Work Plan.

Chapter 1. PROJECT MANAGEMENT ISSUES

1.1. *The Project Implementation Team*

The National Project Manager was responsible for the development, of the draft “National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention” including review of submitted proposals and comments, settlement of differences in views and ideas and preparation of the final version of the Plan. The team of experts participating in the project implementation supported him. In

2004 a total of 15 sub-contracts determining detailed scope of work and its time schedule were prepared and signed.

Annex 1 presents the list of all individual experts and institutions participating in the UNIDO Project implementation.

1.2. Organisation of meetings

Within the Fifth Phase of the Project's implementation the following gatherings were arranged:

- Business meetings with the heads of working groups devoted to analysis and consideration of proposals and comments concerning the draft NIP of the 24th February 2004 submitted by the workshop participants and members of the Steering Committee.
- Consultations with the translator concerning translation of the draft NIP into English language (March 2004).
- Working meetings with the heads of working groups devoted to considerations of the review of draft NIP by the foreign independent expert (May – June 2004)
- Working meeting at the IEP (Warsaw, 10.05.2004) with UNIDO representatives: Mr. Valentin Ishchenko – the UNIDO Project Manager and Mr. Szabolcs Fejes – UNIDO Consultant, during which the manner of inclusion of the submitted proposals and comments into the final structure of the NIP draft were discussed and agreed upon (Minutes of the Meeting dated 10 May 2004).
- Visit of the UNIDO representatives mentioned above to the ANVIL Co. in Wloclawek to get acquainted with the available processing capacities concerning recuperation of hydrogen chloride from waste organic chlorine compounds, particularly in terms of elimination of liquid and solid waste containing PCBs (Wloclawek 11.05.2004).
- Consultation and co-ordination meetings with representatives of the stakeholder institutions (among others the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Economy and Labour, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Office for Competition and Consumer Protection, Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection, National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management, State Geological Institute, Institute of Plant Protection, Polish Ecological Club) during the period from June to September 2004.
- Working meetings with representatives of the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment devoted to final editing of the NIP with due regard of the comments made by the Project Steering Committee (October 2004).
- Organisational meetings concerning arrangements for the NIP Endorsement Workshop (see item 3.2) during November and December 2004.
- Consultations with the translator concerning translation of the NIP into English language (December 2004).

In addition to that three meetings of the Project Steering Committee were assisted by the project personnel (see item 3.1).

1.3. *Visit to UNIDO*

Prof. Maciej Sadowski, the National Project Manager and Mr. Jerzy Kwiatkowski, Technical Assistant to the Project Manager visited UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna on 23 – 25 February 2004. The aim of this visit was to present the Project's achievements and present the preliminary draft of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention for Poland as well as gather suggestions and comments from the UNIDO experts. The visit served also for the:

- agreement on adjustments to the project budget to reflect the current state of progress in project activities and to provide for rational use of resources saved under some budget lines on purposes deemed justified,
- anticipatory recognition of opportunities for the IEP to be considered as partner in implementation of other projects guided by UNIDO within the GEF financial support.

The results of the Gf/POL/01/004 Project implementation were positively assessed by the UNIDO experts, which was expressed in verbal appreciation on part of the 20 gathered UNIDO officials after the presentation of the preliminary draft of the NIP by Prof. M. Sadowski on 24th February 2004.

Mr Valentin Ishchenko informed the visitors, that the Polish contract partner made the greatest implementation progress among more than 10 countries executing identical projects. Since activities aimed at planning the elimination of persistent organic pollutants are essentially unprecedented on the global scale, much of the experience gained by the Institute of Environmental Protection in Poland may serve as standards to be utilised by other, less advanced countries. UNIDO therefore was interested in obtaining the agreement of the Polish partners to use their achievements for extension to other parts of the world. As an example of interest in results of the Polish project activities and possible technical assistance of Polish experts may be the invitation of the government of Nepal.

Mr. Zoltan Csizer, Director of the UNIDO Cleaner Production and Environmental Management Branch, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division admitted, that the GF/POL/01/004 Project was the most advanced in implementation and expressed his appreciation in this respect. He also encouraged the National Project Manager to prepare proposals of new projects to be financed from the GEF resources, though benefiting from that source depends on the ratification of the Stockholm Convention by the Polish State.

The Polish proposal to adjust the structure of the GF/POL/01/004 Project Budget to the current requirements was preliminary accepted during the meeting in Vienna and officially endorsed by the letter of Mr. Victor Koloskov, Deputy Director of the UNIDO General Services, Financial Performance Control, Field Operations and Administration Division dated 10th March, 2004.

1.4. *The Project Website*

The Project Website (<http://ks.ios.edu.pl>), initiated in May 2002, aimed at dissemination of results generated within the UNIDO GF/POL/001/004 Project as well as information about the persistent organic pollutants subject of the Stockholm Convention, is being constantly updated. The active sub-sites are:

- „Activities” presenting general information about the progress in implementation of the GF/POL/01/004 Project and the project documentation (with the possibility of downloading documents in the form of PDF files; part of them are accessible to the general public, and the remaining ones protected by a password accessible to determined groups of users, for instance members of the Steering Committee and experts involved in project implementation) as well as information about institutions and individuals interested in the project results;
- “Library” containing bibliographical information on national and foreign publications concerning the POPs issues;
- „News” announcing the major events concerned.

In addition to that a sub-page „Links” containing the identified www addresses of national and foreign institutions, organisations and programmes involved in their activities in issues concerning persistent organic pollutants and prevention of their impacts is also active.

The website serves all those concerned (institutions, experts and professionals) within the country (Polish language pages) and abroad (English and Russian language pages). The Polish language version is, for obvious reasons, the most complete. The foreign language versions provide information potentially interesting to the foreign user.

In result of dissemination of information about the GF/POL/01/004 Project and its results the list of institutions interested in issues concerning persistent organic pollutants is growing in length (Annex 8). Also the statistics generated by the Webalizer programme based on loggings of the www server are confirming the growing interest in POPs issues. In 2004 a number of 7610 visits on the Project Website were recorded, during which 89947 calls were made.

1.5. Purchases

During the reported period, after the UNIDO acceptance to purchase equipment needed to operate the Stockholm Convention Contact Point at the Institute of Environmental Protection the following items were purchased:

- 1,44 MB computer with AMD Athlon XP 2800 processor, Samsung SM 172S LCD monitor together with additional accessories (i.e. graphic card, loudspeakers),
- HP LJ 1150, Q1336A printer, CD-writer and

computer materials (i.e. CD-R disks, toners and ink for printers), stationary (e.g. paper, identification tags, files, staples, glue, postage stamps) needed to efficiently implement the Project activities.

1.6. Project Financial Accounts

During the reported period the Quarterly Financial Statements [5, 6, 7, 8] were systematically submitted and accepted by the UNIDO Headquarters.

It is important to note, that the Amendment No. 1 to the UNIDO Contract 2001/369 signed on August 6th, 2004 was connected with the requirement to redevelop the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention according to the *Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention* issued by the UNEP and the

World Bank. The changes in the budget structure after this amendment, proposed to UNIDO by the Project Manager, have been approved.

The Final Audited Financial Statement, together with the Financial Audit Report prepared by the accepted auditor, are submitted along with this Endorsement Workshop Report for consideration by the UNIDO.

Chapter 2. THE NIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The preliminary draft "National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention" was completed on December 15th, 2003 (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.1). This draft was subject of an independent expert review (Prof. Maciej Nowicki), review by the Project Steering Committee (Annex 3) and extensive discussion by participants of the Forth Consultation Workshop. The resulting proposals, comments and suggestions were thoroughly analysed by the experts implementing the GF/POL/01/004 Project. Selected justified proposals together with updated data from the State Geological Institute on landfills of outdated pesticides and their waste have been included into the amended version of the draft NIP (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.2). Prof. Maciej Sadowski, the National Project Manager presented this version at the UNIDO Headquarters on February 24th, 2004. During this presentation, attended by 20 international experts, the comprehensive character as well as the conciseness and specificity of the draft NIP were stressed. In result, the UNIDO Project Management recognised the Polish draft NIP as being developed in a model manner and recommended, that the following drafts from other countries should also be presented at the UNIDO HQ.

The draft NIP of the February 24th, 2004 in English language version (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.2.UK) was submitted to UNIDO on March 30th, 2004 in order to obtain a report of a foreign expert reviewer.

Project activities were continued on the preparation of a draft NIP for consideration of the Project Steering Committee. After complementing the draft of the February 24th, 2004 with suggested amendments made by the above mentioned meeting of UNIDO experts in Vienna and by own corrections, the next draft NIP, dated May 7th, 2004 (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.3), was submitted to members of the Project Steering Committee.

At the beginning of May 2004 the UNIDO Project Management has proposed to arrange a working meeting in Warsaw with the aim to discuss proposals and comments made by the Hungarian reviewer of the draft NIP Dr. Szabolcs Fejes. The relatively extensive review arrived at the IEP by electronic mail on May 5th, 2004. All heads of the project expert working groups preparing the NIP were acquainted with the content of the review report. In general the review was concerned with the structure of the NIP, which in its current form was not compliance with the structure recommended by the draft guidelines *Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention* developed by the UNEP and the World Bank, but not yet endorsed by the Parties to the Stockholm Convention. The essence of the draft NIP did not present apparent concern to the reviewer.

It was agreed during the working meeting of Mr. V. Ishchenko, the UNIDO Project Manager and Mr. Szabolcs Fejes, the UNIDO Consultant with Prof. Maciej Sadowski, the National Project Manager and his staff at the Institute of Environmental Protection (Warsaw, May 10th, 2004) that the draft NIP will be re-edited, i.e. developed in accordance with the UNEP guidelines, together with the insertion of information included into the POPs National Profile –

the report on POPs inventory in Poland. In addition to that information from the basic annexes shall be included into the NIP together with information on co-ordination of specific elements of the Plan and more significant measures at national level, though the latter were not subject of the UNIDO – IEP project contract. The Annex 2 presents minutes of the meeting in question, containing the agreed scope of activities.

The issue concerning the need to modify the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention was discussed at the VII Meeting of the Project Steering Committee (June 8th, 2004). In conclusion, a decision was made that proposals and comments made by members of the Steering Committee in respect of the draft NIP GF/POL/NIP/PRO.3 shall be submitted to Prof. Maciej Sadowski until the end of June 2004. These comments and suggestions should be considered for the preparation of the following version of the draft NIP, which should be subject of harmonisation within the departments of the Ministry of Environment in September 2004.

The team of experts under guidance of Prof. Maciej Sadowski was working since June 2004 on the new version of the draft NIP, this time compliant with the structure proposed by the *Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention*, having in mind the:

- detailed analysis of the foreign expert's review,
- analysis of requirements set out by the *Guidance...* mentioned above,
- analysis of comments provided by members of the Steering Committee,
- consideration of resolutions adopted during the working meeting at the Ministry of Environment concerning the number of pesticide landfills and the approach to their elimination (Warsaw, 2.06.2004),
- harmonize in detail the POPs issues with, among others, the representatives of:
 - o Office for Competition and Consumer Protection to confirm the possibility of using the E.U. Structural funds for the elimination of PCB containing oils used in electric power equipment and decontamination of such equipment owned by commercial enterprises,
 - o Ministry of Economy and Labour with reference to activities performed by that sector,
 - o National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management concerning opportunities for financing the cost of decontamination of PCB containing equipment from foreign assistance funds being at disposal of the Fund,
 - o Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection about the environmental monitoring scheme covering POPs.

This version of the NIP prepared in accordance with the agreed standards dated 23.08.2004 (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.4) was submitted to:

- The Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment to initiate the procedure of the sectors internal harmonisation (in the form of hardcopy);
- To all members of the Steering Committee, for preliminary inter-sectoral and public consultations (full CD version and an abstract on hardcopy).

Comments and suggestions made during the preliminary consultations on the NIP content were analysed in the form of a table containing the comment obtained, description of how it will be used for the purpose of the NIP development and the explanation/justification remarks. In this form the feedback was subject of discussion at the VII meeting of the Project Steering Committee. The Committee decided ultimately on the way these suggestions and comments be used for the development of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention. The last version of the draft NIP dated 25.10.2004 (**GF/POL/NIP/PRO.5**), which was accepted by the Project Steering Committee, was prepared under direct supervision of the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment. This draft was submitted to the member of the Project Steering Committee as well as to the potential participants of the NIP Endorsement Workshop and stakeholders. More that 160 CDs, with the complete version of the draft NIP, marked as the Project Document GF/POL/NIP/PRO.5 were distributed.

No remarks or comments were received in respect of this draft NIP version. Only the necessary updates and own editorial amendments were made. The final version of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention (**GF/POL/NIP**) has been approved by the top officials of the environmental sector on December 16th, 2004, and endorsed by the Minister of Environment on December 21st, 2004 (Annex 5). After translating into English language, it shall be submitted to UNIDO in January 2005.

Chapter 3. THE NIP HARMONISATION AND ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

3.1. National Steering Committee

The Project Steering Committee held three meetings during 2004. Their main objective was the supervision of project activities and conclusion of the harmonisation of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention. Annex 3 presents the composition of the Steering Committee.

The **Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee**, with 15 members present, was held on February 11th, 2004 at the Ministry of Environment and chaired by the State Secretary Mr. Krzysztof Szamalek, Chairman of the S.C. The following documents were distributed to all members of the Committee:

- “National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention” (draft dated 15.12.2003)
- Detailed Work Plan for the 5th phase of the GF/POL/01/004 Project implementation,
- Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of the Steering Committee,
- Report of Prof. Maciej Nowicki, the independent expert reviewing the draft “National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention”,
- Attitude of project implementing team to the review report.

The Project Manager informed the meeting about the progress in project implementation, with specific emphasis on:

- Further Activities on the development of the draft NIP in result of amendments suggested by the report of Prof. Maciej Nowicki (national independent reviewer) and

proposals voiced during the consultation workshop as well as the new data of the State Geological Institute and own correction initiatives;

- Results of the Fourth Project Workshop (Warsaw, 15.01.2004) aimed mainly at the presentation of the draft NIP and discussion of the proposed approach to its further elaboration, seeking new comments and suggestions for its improvement;
- Preparation of a series of information brochures for wide distribution, aimed at raising public awareness concerning threats connected with dioxins generated by individual heating systems and hazards posed by PCBs;
- The meeting at UNIDO HQ planned for February 24th, 2004, during which the draft "National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention" will be presented and issues concerning the project implementation discussed (among others the involvement of an foreign reviewer).

During general discussion on the draft "National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention" (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.1) the attention was drawn to:

- The progress in the legislation process concerning waste management reducing the requirements for new regulations for effective implementation of the Stockholm Convention provisions (representative of the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment);
- The problem concerned with land-filling of hazardous wastes at the Zgierz landfill in result of changes in the land development plan and its reduction by half (representative of the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment);
- High costs estimated for the NIP implementation (including use of state budget resources), determining the type of procedure to be applied for its endorsement: by the Council of Ministers if costs are below 100 million PLN or by the Parliament if costs exceed the threshold of 100 million PLN and the necessity to include such provision into the budgets of individual ministries and institutions concerned (representative of the Ministry of Finance);
- Necessity to recognise whether the regulations concerning public support allow for financial assistance supporting environmental protection activities (representative of the Ministry of Finance);
- Advisability of using data of the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management concerning pesticide landfills (representative of the Ministry of Finance);
- Responsibility of agricultural services for monitoring quality of agricultural produce, compliant with the legal provisions (representative of the Ministry of Finance);
- Necessity to harmonise with financial institutions their participation in the NIP implementation process and consider the situation that the National Fund has already an established financial plan for 2004 and has no right to finance administrative or organisational activities but investment projects (loans, credits for commercial entities) (representative of the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management);
- The fact that the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management, as an institution under supervision of the Minister of Environment is obliged to take part in activities of the environmental sector once the NIP is adopted by the Council of Ministers (representative of the Ministry of Finance).

In addition to the above Prof. M. Nowicki stressed that if the issue of POPs is recognised to be important in terms of environmental protection and health, then no obstacles should exist for the acceleration of activities aimed at implementation of the Stockholm Convention, since the EcoFund as well as the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management have sufficient resources at their disposal for the purpose in question.

In result of discussions the following conclusions were drawn:

- It is necessary to include the issue of sea bed sediments monitoring into the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention, considering the accomplishments in research of bottom sediments of the Baltic Sea. Particularly research on the Gdansk Bay by the State Geological Institute in Sopot (Map of bottom sediments for the southern part of the Baltic Sea in 1:500000 scale) and the Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, Gdynia Branch (research methods) should be taken in mind. This also justified by the threats to the aquatic living organisms caused by POPs accumulated in the sea bed sediments;
- It has been stressed that the NIP should primarily be directed towards elimination of POPs from the environment (representative of the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment), therefore monitoring of human beings should be deemed unnecessary, among others for the high costs, complicated research methods and liquidation of lactaria;
- It is worth stressing that the set of future project proposals to be submitted to UNIDO should be prepared also in the form of medium size projects in order to submit them to the GEF;
- The opinion that it is necessary to investigate opportunities for a greater input of foreign assistance into the implementation of the Stockholm Convention provisions was reaffirmed;
- A recommendation was made that prior to the planned harmonisation of the NIP between departments of the Ministry of Environment an opinion of the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management be sought;
- The representative of the national defence sector confirmed that organisational units of the Ministry of Defence took part in stock-taking of PCB containing equipment in 2002 and submitted the relevant information to the regional governments in accordance with the existing regulations, thus data presented by the GF/POL/01/004 Project do include the equipment owned by the army.

The Steering Committee in accordance with the suggestion of the reviewing expert, decided by majority vote to delete from the NIP proposals concerning development of the smokeless fuel production installation. The reason for such move was the extremely high costs of the facility in comparison to the effect in POPs emission reduction. The representative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development opposed the decision arguing that the air purity in cities and rural areas is in danger and because of the high engagement of national institutions in favour of such fuel in the past.

It was also decided that remarks on the preliminary draft NIP submitted by the Steering Committee members in writing will be reviewed by the experts involved in the NIP development and the Project Manager will agree with the individual proposers the scope and form of their inclusion into the draft NIP.

In addition to that a conclusion was made that the NIP (version after the proposals and comments of the Steering Committee members, independent reviewer and workshop participants are included) shall be translated into English language and submitted for review of the foreign expert, if UNIDO shall decide to do so.

On June 8th 2004 the **Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee**, with 16 members present, took place at the Ministry of Environment, chaired by Ms. Monika Lesz, Vice-Chairman of the Steering Committee. The following documents were provided to all SC members:

- Report on the Fifth Meeting of the Steering Committee;
- Draft National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention dated 7.05.2004;
- Minutes of the Meeting with the representatives of UNIDO (Annex 2).

Prof. Maciej Sadowski informed the meeting on the project implementation progress stressing specifically:

- The presentation of the draft NIP at the UNIDO H.Q. on February 24th and submission of the English language version for the review by the UNIDO expert Dr. Szabolcs Fejes.
- The results of the meeting with the UNIDO representatives at IEP (Warsaw 10.05.2004) and their visit to ANWIL Co. (Wloclawek, 11.05.2004).
- Results of his visit to Armenia with the mission of proper orientation of activities on the development of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention for that country under UNIDO/GEF sponsorship.
- Procedure of endorsement of the NIP for Poland by the Steering Committee and the Minister of Environment as required by the IEP – UNIDO Contract to conclude the GF/POL/01/004 Project.

During the general discussion about the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention (draft dated 7.05.2004) attention was drawn to the following issues:

- The estimated costs connected with implementation of the Stockholm Convention must be verified because their level shall affect the decision on ratification of the convention by Poland.
- Priority should be given to minimisation of estimated Stockholm Convention implementation costs of and avoidance of cost overlapping. If costs are resulting from other regulations and obligations and contribute to the fulfilment of the Stockholm Convention requirements, than they should not count as costs resulting from implementation of the Stockholm Convention (for instance the costs of eliminating PCBs). Financing the costs of elimination of pesticide landfills and reclamation of surrounding sites may be treated in a different manner by including them fully or partly into the NIP to enable seeking foreign assistance for that task.
- The version of the draft NIP dated 15.12.2003 presenting the specific activities in relation to the earlier determined priorities was more intelligible and complete with reference to the elimination of pesticide landfills in comparison with the following versions where the structure and scope has been changed.

- No formal ground exists for the initiation of the NIP implementation in respect of activities foreseen for 2004; development of regulations and environmental protection activities against hazards posed by POPs required by the national and EU legislation are gradually implemented.

It was assumed in conclusion that the harmonisation of the new version of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention should probably be completed in September 2004 within the sector of environmental protection and agencies under the Ministry of Environment (Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection, National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management). Thus, the final version of the draft NIP will be subject of consideration by the next meeting of the Steering Committee, followed by its submission to the Minister of Environment with the proposal to use the GF/POL/01/004 Project outputs to initiate the Stockholm convention ratification process in Poland, and after ratification:

- for the preparation of the final National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention for its adoption at the highest national decision making level and submission to the Stockholm Convention Parties Conference within two years after its entering in force,
- for the updating of the „National Environmental Protection Strategy Against Persistent Organic Pollutants”.

The **Seventh Meeting of the Project Steering Committee** was held at the Ministry of Environment on October 4th and gathered 19 participants under chairmanship of the State Secretary Mr. Krzysztof Szamalek, Chairman of the SC. The following materials were sent to the SC members in advance:

- CD-Rs containing the text of the draft NIP dated 23.08.2004,
- hardcopy of an extract from the above mentioned draft containing the executive summary, introduction and the chapter 3 – the main subject of the Steering Committee meeting,
- draft of a proposed opinion of the Project Steering Committee concerning acceptance of the draft National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention by the environmental sector managing officials,
- report from the Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee,
- updated Detailed Work Plan for implementation of the 5th phase of the GF/POL/01/004 Project (Annex 10),

Members of the S.C. were requested to submit opinions and remarks in respect of the NIP Chapter 3 directly to the Project Manager.

The Project Manager informed the gathering about the progress in project implementation and presented the goals, assumptions and structure of the draft NIP compliant with the requirements laid down by the „*Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention*” recommended by UNIDO to be used for the implementation of the GF/POL/01/004 Project. He characterised also the main tasks included into the NIP and described the organisational, legal and financial pre-requisitions connected with its implementation. This includes the costs of activities according to specific years and sources of financing. Determined are also the basic costs (covering activities leading to fulfilment of Stockholm Convention obligations within the framework of currently binding legal regulations,

of statutory activities of state administration and in the context of EU requirements) and additional costs (resulting directly and solely from the obligations to perform under the Stockholm Convention provisions). The Project Manager underlined that the requirements of the Stockholm Convention are less demanding in comparison with the Polish environmental protection regulations as well as in the light of the binding and proposed legislation of the European Union with respect to persistent organic pollutants. Despite that Poland is, to a great extent, already complying with the basic provisions of the Stockholm Convention, there are still issues that require to be solved in order to reduce the hazards caused by the POPs presence in the environment. The realistic timeframe for the ratification of the Convention is the year 2005. Implementation of the Stockholm Convention provisions does not require creation of new institutions. It should be enough to extend the scope of tasks of the existing ones.

The Steering Committee acknowledged the updated Project Work Plan for the 5th Phase. To rationalize work of the meeting the participants were provided with a compilation of comments submitted by the SC members and accepted by the implementing team of experts together with proposals on their inclusion into the NIP. Two comments submitted by the Marine Institute and the EcoFund Foundation required additional discussion before taking final decision. The SC decided to:

- include the issue of sea bed sediments from ports and canals into the NIP within the available financial resources,
- leave the task concerning the issue of the industrial waste landfill in Jaworzno separated from the task of its reclamation.

The Steering Committee approved the way of considering insertion of proposals into the draft NIP and authorised the Department of Environmental Policy of the Ministry of Environment to analyse in detail the individual tasks included into the NIP in order to provide for editorial corrections.

The Steering Committee adopted unanimously the following statement on adoption of the draft National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention (GF/POL/NIP/PRO.5):

‘The Project Steering Committee, supervising the essential issues of the GF/POL/01/004 “Enabling activities to facilitate early action on the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants” Project implementation activities, after getting acquainted with the draft NIP for the Stockholm Convention, acknowledges the document and puts forward the proposal to the Minister of Environment to initiate the process of ratification of the “Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants” signed by Poland in Stockholm on May 21st, 2001.’

3.2. *Endorsement Workshop*

According to the Detailed Work Plan for the V Phase of project implementation (Annex 10) the one day NIP Endorsement Workshop was held on December 15th, 2004 in Warsaw. The NIP version dated 25.10.2004 was presented to workshop participants in the light of possible mechanisms and options enabling its proper implementation.

The opportunity was also used for the purpose of raising the public awareness about the hazards connected with the presence of POPs and their prevention. The Annex 6 presents the detailed agenda of the Endorsement Workshop and the Annex 7 the list of documents distributed at this occasion. The workshop gathering was attended by 90 participants interested

in issues related to POPs from 65 institutions and organisations, including 17 taking part for the first time (Annex 8).

Prof. Barbara Gworek, Director of the Institute of Environmental Protection opened the workshop and passed the chair to Ms. Monika Lesz, the Vice-Chairman of the Steering Committee. In course of the workshop 7 presentations were made (2 introducing the NIP and 5 explaining the way of its implementation). Apart from that information on the role of institutions involved in POPs elimination and reduction of the connected problems in the Stockholm Convention implementation process was distributed directly and by Internet.

After getting acquainted with the NIP for the Stockholm Convention and a general discussion on its provisions, the workshop participants acknowledged that the Plan was prepared in a complex and rational manner. In recognition of that a proposal was put forward by the meeting to recommend the adoption of the NIP by the Government of Poland as a base for further activities aiming at implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in Poland (Annex 9).

Chapter 4. ACTIVITIES PERFORMED DURING THE Vth PHASE

During the Phase V of the Project implementation, beside the works aimed at the development of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention (Annex 4), the activities described below were performed.

An application was prepared and submitted to the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management for publishing brochures raising awareness on the threat posed by dioxins from individual heating systems and proper handling of PCBs. Unfortunately, lack of funds resulted in postponement of its consideration until next year. In this connection, the cost of editorial preparation and printing of 4 brochures as a pioneering publication (100 copies each) has been covered from the GF/POL/01/004 Project funds:

- On dioxins generated by individual heating systems, for 4 target groups: teachers, farmers, dwellers and local governments;
- On handling PCBs, for 3 target groups: public administration, industry and general public.

Drafts for amendment of the Environmental Protection Law, the Act on Waste, the Act on Corporate Obligations in the Scope of Managing Certain Types Waste and on Product and Deposit Charges and the Regulation banning production, turnover and use of substances listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention prepared as part of activities of the Project were submitted to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Economy and Labour.

In addition to that, basing on results of the UNIDO Project, the draft justification of the motion on ratification of the Stockholm Convention, which took effect on 17.05.2004, was prepared. The Minister of Environment is to take adequate action in this respect.

The costs of translation of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention Directly into English language (versions dated 24.02.2004 and 16.12.2004), as well as the editing and publication of the final version in Polish language (500 copies) for distribution within the country was covered by the project funds.

It is worth mentioning that a briefing sheet on the Stockholm Convention and on the UNIDO GF/POL/01/004 Project achievements was prepared for the mass media. The speaker of the Ministry of Environment shall care for its dissemination.

CONCLUSION

The National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention developed during the reported period in accordance with the „*Guidance for Developing a National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention*” includes 65 tasks divided into 11 groups of activities. Groups not applicable for Poland (for instance releases from intended production) or the scope of which overlapped with other activities have been ignored. Apart from the implementation strategy, objectives and priorities as well as description of tasks the NIP presents estimates of implementation costs including assessment of financial resources required to accomplish selected investment projects. The total financial resources required to solve the problem of persistent organic pollutants in Poland during 2004 – 2010 are estimated at 219 million PLN, out of which the cost of 44 million PLN is resulting directly from provisions of the Stockholm Convention. The remaining costs are connected with execution of regulations other than the Convention such as: Environmental Protection Law, National Plan of Waste Management and the EU Directive. A significant item in the NIP budget is presented by the estimated costs of POPs monitoring (over 66 million PLN). Elimination of outdated pesticide and PCB landfills constitutes a considerable share of the estimated costs. The development of the NIP was subject of great interest. **The National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention developed within the framework of the UNIDO GF/POL/01/004 has been approved by the Minister of Environment in 2004 (Annex 5).**

Documentation

- [1] Report of the Inception Workshop, IEP, Warsaw, March 2002
- [2] National Profile of Persistent Organic Pollutants, IEP, Warsaw, February 2003
- [3] Validation Workshop Report, IEP, Warsaw, June 2003
- [4] Progress Report on Activities Performed During the NIP Development Phase, IEP, Warsaw, February 2004
- [5] Ninth quarterly financial statement, IEP, Warsaw, January 2004
- [6] Tenth quarterly financial statement, IEP, Warsaw, June 2003
- [7] Eleventh quarterly financial statement, IEP, Warsaw, October 2003
- [8] Twelfth quarterly financial statement, IEP, Warsaw, January 2005

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Annex 2.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNIDO
ON THE FINAL STRUCTURE OF THE NIP**

The meeting was held on 10 May, 2004 at the Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw.

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- Valentin Ishchenko (Programme Leader),
- Wanda Kacprzyk,
- Jerzy Kwiatkowski,
- Katarzyna Rymwid-Mickiewicz,
- Maciej Sadowski (National Project Manager)

The Meeting agreed on the following major issues:

1. The structure of the NIP will be based on "*Interim guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention*" (revised, December 2003).
2. The NIP will consist of 2 parts:
 - National Profile – Poland,
 - Strategy and action plan elements of the NIP.
3. Chapters concerning 17 activities will each include information on:
 - background,
 - list of actions with their description (as in the present Annex 1 of the draft NIP; Annex 1 will be incorporated into the text part),
 - work plan with the budget,
 - coordinator.
4. Information on the overall coordination of the NIP will also be incorporated into the Strategy.
5. The NIP budget will include incremental costs (meaning the costs, which are directly resulting from the Stockholm Convention, whereas current costs are considered to be baseline costs).
6. The executing team will submit to UNIDO information on the costs of restructuring the present draft NIP in order to revise the Project budget within the available budget.
7. The final version of the NIP will not be published.
8. Detailed comments and suggestions included in the electronic version of the present draft NIP will be taken into consideration by the authors of the document.
9. It is expected that the final NIP will be forwarded to UNIDO by the Minister of the Environment on behalf of the Stakeholders with the required endorsement document.

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Annex 3.

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Annex 4.

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS PREPARED DURING
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GF/POL/NIP	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – approved by the Minister of Environment (<i>in Polish language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP.UK	Poland. National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – 2004 (<i>in English language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP/PRO.2	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – draft dated 24.02.2004 – edited by Prof. Maciej Sadowski (<i>in Polish language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP/PRO.2.UK	Poland. National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – Draft 24.02.2004 (<i>in English language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP/PRO.3	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – draft dated 07.05.2004 – edited by Prof. Maciej Sadowski (<i>in Polish language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP/PRO.4	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – draft dated 23.10.2004 – edited by Prof. Maciej Sadowski (<i>in Polish language</i>)
GF/POL/NIP/PRO.5	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – draft dated 25.10.2004 – edited by Prof. Maciej Sadowski (<i>in Polish language</i>)
GF/POL/SEM.5/ R.1 – GF/POL/SEM.5/ R.6	Presentation prepared for the Endorsement Workshop (see Annex 7)
GF/POL/SEM.5/ R.1 – GF/POL/SEM.5/ R.18	Materials prepared for the Endorsement Workshop (see Annex 7)
ISBN 83-85-805-96-6	Monografia pt. Trwale zanieczyszczenia organiczne. Tom II. Kierunki działań (<i>Publication: National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention</i>)
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	Broszury o właściwym postępowaniu z PCB dla ludności, przedsiębiorstw i administracji terenowej (<i>Brochures on proper handling of PCBs for general public, enterprises and local administration</i>)[<i>in Polish language</i>]

Annex 5.

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE NIP
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**Dr Geoffrey E. Mariki
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United Nations Industrial
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Pragnę poinformować Pana, że w ramach projektu GEF nr GF/POL/01/004 „Umóżliwienie działań zmierzających do przyspieszenia prac nad wdrożeniem Konwencji Sztokholmskiej w sprawie trwałych zanieczyszczeń organicznych” zostało zakończone opracowanie Krajowego Programu Wdrażania Konwencji Sztokholmskiej w Polsce.

Program ten został pozytywnie oceniony zarówno przez Komitet Sterujący Projektem jak i konferencję zainteresowanych tą problematyką instytucji (stakeholders workshop). Na tej podstawie podjąłem decyzję o akceptacji tego programu jako podstawy do dalszych prac nad przygotowaniem wniosku ratyfikacyjnego Konwencji i wdrażania jej postanowień.

COURTESY TRANSLATION

**Dr. Geoffrey E. Mariki
Chief of the POPs Unit Programme Development
and Technical Cooperation Division
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Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that the preparation of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention for Poland under the Project No.: GF/POL/01/004 entitled “Enabling activities to facilitate early action in the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)” has been finalized.

The aforementioned NIP obtained a positive opinion both by the Project Steering Committee and the Stakeholders Workshop. I have, therefore, made a decision on the endorsement of this NIP as a basis for further work leading to the ratification of the Stockholm Convention and its implementation.

Yours sincerely,

Jerzy Swatoń, Minister of the Environment

Annex 6.

THE ENDORSEMENT WORKSHOP AGENDA

- 12⁰⁰ - 12⁰⁵ Opening of the Endorsement Workshop held within the framework of the UNIDO GF/POL/01/004 Project "Enabling activities to facilitate early action on the implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants POPs" – **Monika Lesz _ Ministry of Environment**
- 12⁰⁵ - 12¹⁰ Welcome address to the workshop participants – **Barbara Gworek _ Director Institute of Environmental Protection**
- 12¹⁰ - 12³⁰ Political foundations for implementation of the Stockholm Convention in the light of the "National Environmental Policy" – **Krzysztof Szamalek, Secretary of State _ Ministry of Environment**
- 12³⁰ - 13⁰⁰ The „National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention – **Maciej Sadowski _ Project Manager, Institute of Environmental Protection**
- 13⁰⁰ - 14⁰⁰ *Lunch break*
- 14⁰⁰ - 14²⁰ Elimination of PCBs from electrical equipment in the light of the law in force, requirements and potential opportunities – **Wiesława Bogutyn _ Ministry of Economy and Labour**
- 14²⁰ - 14⁵⁰ Unintentional emission of PCDD/Fs from combustion processes – trends and opportunities of their limitation – **Krzyszyna Kubica _ Polish Ecological Club**
- 14⁵⁰ - 15¹⁰ Financing environmental protection projects by the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management – **Włodzimierz Mazurek _ National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management**
- 15¹⁰ - 15²⁵ Potential of the EcoFund's participation in elimination of POPs – **Elżbieta Morgen-Lewińska _ EcoFund Foundation**
- 15²⁵ - 15⁴⁵ POPs in the State Environmental Monitoring System – **Andrzej Jagusiewicz _ Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection**
- 15⁴⁵ - 16⁰⁰ *Coffee break*
- 16⁰⁰ - 16⁴⁵ Discussion
- 16⁴⁵ - 17⁰⁰ Conclusions and recommendations.
- 17⁰⁰ Conclusion of the meeting

Annex 7.

LIST OF MATERIALS PRESENTED AT THE ENDORSEMENT WORKSHOP*(Warsaw, 15 December 2004 r.)*

<i>Reference mark</i>	<i>Document title</i>
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.1	Political foundations for implementation of the Stockholm Convention in the light of the „National Environmental Policy” Krzysztof Szamalek, Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.2	The „National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention” Maciej Sadowski, Project Manager, Institute of Environmental Protection
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.3	The Stockholm Convention – duties and capabilities Wieslawa Bogutyn, Ministry of Economy and Labour
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.4	Unintentional emission of PCDD/Fs from combustion processes – trends and capabilities for its elimination Krystyna Kubica, Polish Ecological Club
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.5	Financing Environmental protection projects by the National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management Włodzimierz Mazurek, National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management
GF/POL/SEM.5/R.6	Persistent organic pollutants in the State Environmental Monitoring System Andrzej Jagusiewicz, Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.1	Agenda of the Endorsement Workshop
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.2	List of the Endorsement Workshop participants
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.3	Time schedule for implementation of tasks of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.4	Announcement by Prof. J. K. Ludwicki of the State Scientific and Research Institute of Hygiene
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.5	Announcement by Ms. Monika Malicka, Ph.D. Eng. of the “Malex” Waste Management Enterprise
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.6	Opportunities for solving problems connected with POPs by the Marine Institute in Gdansk. Ms. Marta Staniszevska Ph.D., Eng.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.7	Announcement. Regional Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management in Szczecin
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.8	Economic review of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention in Poland. Ms. Anna Bartczak Ph.D., Mr. Jan Raczka Ph.D., Mr. Marek Giergiczny M.Sc., Warsaw Centre of Environmental Economics, Warsaw University, Department of Economic Science
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.9	Summary of activities connected with collection of PCB containing equipment. Collections during 1999 – 2004. POFRABAT

GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.10	Information of possible involvement of the Prof. J. Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine in solving the environmental POPs problems. Prof. Marek Jakubowski.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.11	Position of the Institute of Plant Protection on activities concerning elimination of pesticide landfills (NIP draft dated 25.10.2004). Mr. Stanislaw Stobiecki, M.Sc., Institute of Plant Protection in Poznan, Sosnowice Branch.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.12	Announcement. Mr. Grzegorz Wielgosinski, Ph.D. Eng., Lodz Technical University, Department of Environmental Process Engineering, Chair of Environmental Engineering Systems
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.13	Participation of the Institute of Ecology in Industrial Areas in solving the POPs problems. Ms. Janina Fudala, Ph.D.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.14	Possible participation of the Pulp and Paper Institute in Lodz, Environmental Protection Laboratory in POPs investigation activities. Me. Malgorzata Michniewicz, Ph.D., Eng.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.15	The role of the Inspection of Environmental Protection in solving the problems of POPs. Ms. Agata Duch-Szczesna, M.Sc., Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.16	Problems of POPs in Poland seen through research activities of the Institute of Timber Processing in Poznan. Mr. Andrzej Fojutowski, Ph.D., Eng.
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.17	Information about the share of the Institute of Biotechnology in Agriculture and Food Industry. Food Analysis Department
GF/POL/SEM.5/INF.18	Conclusions and recommendations

Annex 8.

**LIST OF INSTITUTIONS
REPRESENTED AT THE PROJECT WORKSHOPS**

1. Ministry of Environment, Department of Water Resources, Warsaw
2. Ministry of Environment, Department of Environmental Policy, Warsaw
3. Ministry of Environment, Department of Foreign Co-operation, Warsaw
4. Ministry of Environment, Department of Environmental Protection Instruments, Warsaw
5. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Warsaw
6. Ministry of Defence, Division of Environmental, Protection and Historical Monuments, Warsaw
7. Ministry of Infrastructure, Department of Infrastructure Development Strategy, Warsaw
8. Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Warsaw
9. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of the UN and Global Issues, Warsaw
10. Ministry of Finance, Warsaw
11. Ministry of Research and Computerisation, Warsaw
12. Chief Environmental Protection Inspectorate, Department of Inspection and Arbitration, Warsaw
13. Chief Environmental Protection Inspectorate, Department of Monitoring, Warsaw
14. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Poznan
15. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Jelenia Gora
16. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Legnica
17. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Lublin
18. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Olsztyn, Elblag Branch
19. Regional Environmental Protection Inspectorate in Olsztyn
20. Chief Labour Inspectorate in Warsaw
21. Chief Sanitary Inspectorate, Department of Environmental Hygiene, Warsaw
22. Chief Plant Protection Inspectorate in Warsaw
23. Head Command of the State Fire Brigades in Warsaw
24. Office of the Parliament, Bureau of Studies and Expertise
25. Lodz Regional Government Office
26. Mazowiecki Regional Government Office, Warsaw
27. Opolski Regional Government Office, Opole
28. Podlaski Regional Government Office, Białystok
29. Warminsko-Mazurski Regional Government Office, Olsztyn
30. Lubelski Regional Government Office, Lublin
31. Malopolski Regional Government Office, Krakow
32. Podkarparcki Regional Government Office, Rzeszow
33. Slaski Regional Government Office, Katowice
34. Swietokrzyski Regional Government Office, Kielce
35. Bureau for Chemical Substances and Preparations in Lodz
36. National Fund of Environmental Protection and Water Management, Warsaw

37. EcoFund (Foundation) in Warsaw
38. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Warsaw
39. UNDP, GEF Small Grants Programme, Warsaw
40. UNIDO Secretariat, Vienna
41. Warsaw University, Department of Economic Sciences, Warsaw Centre of Environmental Economics
42. Technical University Wroclaw, Institute of Crude Oil and Carbon Chemistry and Technology
43. Technical University Wroclaw, Institute of Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry and Biotechnology,
44. Technical University Lodz, Department of Process Engineering and Environmental Protection
45. Krakow Technical University, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry and Technology
46. Warsaw Technical University, Institute of Environmental Engineering Systems
47. Bialystok Technical University, Management Department
48. Silesian Technical University, Gliwice, Department of Chemistry, Institute of Organic Chemistry and Technology
49. Main Trade School, Institute of International Economic Relations, Warsaw
50. Mining and Metallurgical Academy in Krakow
51. Academy of Economy in Krakow, Chair of Industrial and Environmental Policy
52. Institute of Plant Protection in Sosnicowice
53. State Geological Institute in Warsaw
54. Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw Department of Waste Management
55. Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw, Regional Centre of Environmental Safety
56. Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw, Department of Environmental Policy
57. Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw, National Centre of Emission Inventories
58. Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw, UNIDO/GEF Project Team
59. Institute of Environmental Protection, in Warsaw, Environmental Risk Assessment Group
60. Institute of Basic Environmental Engineering, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
61. Institute of Meat and Fat Industry in Warsaw
62. Institute of Meteorology and Water Management in Warsaw
63. Institute of Meteorology and Water Management, Gdynia Branch, Department of Coastal Zone Water Protection in Gdańsk
64. Marine Institute in Gdańsk, Department of Marine Hydrodynamics
65. National Institute of Hygiene in Warsaw, Department of Municipal Hygiene
66. National Institute of Hygiene in Warsaw, Department of Environmental Toxicology
67. Institute of Labour Medicine and Environmental Health in Sosnowiec,
68. Timber Processing Institute in Poznan, Department of Timber Preservation
69. Institute of Non-ferrous Metals in Gliwice
70. Institute of Industrial Chemistry, Bureau for Protection of the Ozone Layer
71. Institute of Chemical Carbon Processing in Zabrze

72. Institute of Organic Industry in Warsaw
73. Military Institute of Chemistry and Radiometry in Warsaw
74. Institute of Basic Environmental Engineering, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poznan
75. Pulp and Paper Institute in Lodz
76. Central Institute of Labour Protection, State Research Institute, Warsaw
77. Centre for Upgrading Teachers' Skills, Warsaw
78. Institute of Iron Metallurgy in Gliwice
79. Institute for Mechanisation of Construction and Rock Mining, External Branch in Katowice, "Waste Management Centre"
80. J. Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine in Lodz, Department of Environmental Health Hazards
81. Institute of Biotechnology of Food and Agriculture Industry in Warsaw
82. Institute of Ecology of Industrialised Areas in Katowice
83. Institute of Agriculture and Food Economy in Warsaw
84. Centre of Environmental Legislation in Wroclaw
85. Lower-Silesian Foundation for Sustainable Development in Wroclaw
86. Polish Ecological Club, Upper-Silesian Region in Katowice
87. Polish Ecological Agency in Warsaw
88. Nature Protection League, Capital City Region
89. Nature Protection League, Plock Region
90. Eco-Monitoring in Katowice
91. EMPIRO Co. Ltd. in Krakow
92. "Malex" Waste Utilisation Company in Lodz
93. "Tigret" Company Ltd., Malachowice
94. National Environmental Protection Foundation, Warsaw
95. Consumers Federation, National Council
96. „Konin” Aluminium Metallurgical Company
97. Chemical Enterprise Dwory S.A., Oswiecim
98. Polish Petroleum Concern ORLEN Co., Plock
99. Polish Waste Management Association „3R” in Krakow
100. POFRABAT Co. Ltd., Warsaw
101. "Polish Steel Works" Co. Inc. Katowice
102. PROEKO Co. Ltd., Warsaw
103. CHEMEKO Co. Ltd., Wloclawek
104. Chemical Works „Zachem” Co. Inc. in Bydgoszcz
105. ISPAT POLISH STEEL Co. in Katowice

Annex 9.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF THE "NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
FOR THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION"
BY THE ENDORSEMENT WORKSHOP**

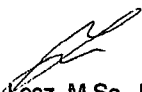


**Vth Endorsement Workshop approving the
NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION
(Warsaw, 15 December 2004)**

STATEMENT

Participants of the Endorsement Workshop, after being acquainted with the draft of the National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention and after discussing its basic issues do acknowledge that the Plan has been completed in a comprehensive and rational manner.

Considering the above, the participants of the Endorsement Workshop decided to propose to the Government of Poland to approve this Plan, as a basis for further activities connected with the implementation of provisions of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in Poland.


Monika Lesz, M.Sc., Eng.
Chairman of the Endorsement Workshop
Counsellor at the Ministry of Environment

ANNEX 10

DETAILED WORK PLAN FOR THE V PHASE OF THE GF/POL/01/004 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Task	Year												
	2003						2004						2005
Month of activities	24 /XII	25 /I	26 /II	27 /III	28 /IV	29 /V	30 /VI	31 /VII	32 /VIII	33 /IX	34 /X	35 /XI	36 /XII
1. Obtain the national independent reviewer's report on the draft NIP													
2. Arrange consultation workshop to present results of the 4 th phase of project implementation													
3. Prepare the preliminary package of investment proposals													
4. Harmonise the draft "NIP for the Stockholm Convention" within the Steering Committee													
5. Arrange meeting of the Steering Committee													
6. Present the project achievements at the UNIDO Headquarters													
7. Edit the draft "NIP for the Stockholm Convention" considering the suggestions submitted and translate into English language													
8. Obtain the review of an foreign independent reviewer on the updated draft NIP													
9. Meeting with UNIDO representatives, agreement on the new NIP structure													
10. Technical visit to the ANWIL Co. in Wloclawek.													
11. Harmonise the draft NIP													
12. Meeting of the Steering Committee													
13. Develop the draft NIP according to UNEP guidelines													
14. Harmonise the re-edited draft NIP within the Environmental sector.													
15. Harmonise the re-edited draft NIP within the Steering Committee													
16. Arrange meeting of the Steering Committee													
17. Arrange the NIP Endorsement Workshop with participation of stakeholders													
18. Edit the final draft of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention													
19. Obtain endorsement of the NIP for the Stockholm Convention from the Minister of Environment													
20. Arrange the last meeting of the Project Steering Committee													
21. Dissemination of the Project's achievements (print the NIP, print information brochures)													
22. Prepare Final Progress and the Audited Financial Report on project implementation													

Task	2004												2005			
	Year	2003	24 /XII	25/I	26/II	27/III	28/IV	29/V	30/VI	31/VII	32/VIII	33/IX	34/X	35/XI	36/XII	2005
23. Translate the draft NIP into English and submit to UNIDO together with the endorsement of the Minister of Environment																
24. Prepare the Final Financial Statement Audit Report																
25. Inter-sectoral harmonisation of justification for ratification of the Stockholm Convention																