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STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS STOCKHOLM, 22 MAY 2001

Spain: Acceptance of amendments to annexes A, B and C of the convention 1,2

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 16 August 2011, with:

Declaration (Translation) (Original: Spanish)

In the event that the Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants should in any way result in actions related to Gibraltar, Spain wishes to make the following declaration:

- 1. Gibraltar is a Non-Self-Governing Territory for whose international relations the United Kingdom is responsible and which is subject to a process of decolonization in accordance with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly.
- 2. The Gibraltar authorities are local in character and exercise an exclusively domestic jurisdiction that originates in and is based on the powers allocated to and conferred on them by the United Kingdom, in accordance with its domestic law and in its capacity as the sovereign State upon which depends the said Non-Self-Governing Territory.
- 3. Consequently, any involvement by the Gibraltar authorities in the implementation of this Convention shall be understood to take place exclusively within the framework of the domestic jurisdiction of Gibraltar and shall not be considered to affect in any way the content of the two preceding paragraphs.

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Refer to depositary notification C.N.556.2004.TREATIES-22 (Reissued) of 28 June 2011 (Ratification: Spain).

² Refer to depositary notification C.N.524.2009.TREATIES-16 of 26 August 2009 (Adoption of Amendments to Annexes A, B and C).

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4. The procedure envisaged in the "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar Authorities in the Context of Certain International Treaties (2007)", signed by Spain and the United Kingdom on 19 December 2007, together with the "Agreed Arrangements relating to Gibraltar Authorities in the Context of EU and EC Instruments and Related Treaties", of 19 April 2000, shall be applicable to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, adopted on 22 May 2001.

The Amendments to Annexes A, B and C of the Convention will enter into force for Spain on 14 November 2011 in accordance with article 22 (4) which reads as follows:

"The proposal, adoption and entry into force of amendments to Annex A, B or C shall be subject to the same procedures as for the proposal, adoption and entry into force of additional annexes to this Convention, except that an amendment to Annex A, B or C shall not enter into force with respect to any Party that has made a declaration with respect to amendment to those Annexes in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 25, in which case any such amendment shall enter into force for such a Party on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit with the depositary of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect to such amendment."

30 August 2011

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