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STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

STOCKHOLM, 22 MAY 2001

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES A, B AND C<sup>1</sup>

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

The amendments to Annexes A, B and C became effective for all Parties to the Convention on 26 August 2010, except for **those Parties which have made a declaration with respect to an amendment to those Annexes in accordance with paragraph 4 of article 25 and except also for New Zealand**, which has submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3 (b) and 3 (c) and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Convention.

**Paragraph 4 of article 25 of the Convention reads as follows:**

**“4. In its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, any Party may declare that, with respect to it, any amendment to Annex A, B or C shall enter into force only upon the deposit of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession with respect thereto.”**

**Paragraphs 3 (b) and 3 (c) and paragraph 4 of article 22 of the Convention read as follows:**

“3. (b) Any Party that is unable to accept an additional annex shall so notify the depositary, in writing, within one year from the date of communication by the depositary of the adoption of the additional annex. The depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification received. A Party may at any time withdraw a previous notification of non-acceptance in respect of any additional annex, and the annex shall thereupon enter into force for that Party subject to subparagraph (c); and

(c) On the expiry of one year from the date of the communication by the depositary of the adoption of an additional annex, the annex shall enter into force for all Parties that have not submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (b).

<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.524.2009.TREATIES-4 of 26 August 2009 (Adoption of amendments to Annexes A, B and C).

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4. 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.”

11 January 2011

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JGW', is written below the date.

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