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**SUBJECT: Creation of a Philippine Interagency Consultative Committee for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs**

In the interest of service and in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), a Philippine Interagency Consultative Committee on POPs Management is hereby created, which is composed of:

**Chairperson:**  
Secretary of Environment

**Members:**  
*Representative from the following Departments:*  
Department of Agriculture  
Department of Finance  
Department of Foreign Affairs  
Department of Health  
Department of Interior and Local Government  
Department of Labor and Employment  
Department of National Defense  
Department of Science and Technology  
Department of Trade and Industry  
President of the International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) – Philippine Chapter

The Philippine Interagency Consultative Committee for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs shall have the following functions:

- a) Provide policy directions for the effective implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs, particularly in the development of a National Implementation Plan;
- b) Act as a Steering Committee for the Philippine Enabling Activity Project on POPs and other related projects on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
- c) Prepare a consolidated position paper that will embody the Philippine Government's stand on issues concerning POPs for the meeting of the Conference of Parties; and
- d) Endorse the National Implementation Plan to the Convention Secretariat.

As necessary, and to get technical inputs, comments and recommendations, the agencies, organizations and institutions shall be called upon by the Committee for the discussion of issues that will directly impact their sectors, to include but not limited to the following:

- Croplife,
- Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK),
- UP Poison Control Center,
- Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI),
- National Crop Protection Center, and
- Academic Institutions

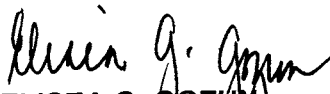
In order to provide administrative and technical support to the Committee, a Secretariat, which shall be composed of the following, shall be created:

- EMB – Environmental Quality Division*
- *Chemicals Management Section*
  - *POPs Management Office*

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Expenses that will be incurred by the Committee shall be charged against the GEF - UNDP POPs Enabling Activity project subject to the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
ELISEA G. GOZUN  
Secretary  
