NATIONAL ACTION PLAN OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS FOR 2022-2024

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		I. Improving legislati	on in the field of	chemical safety	
1.	Ensuring the fulfillment of obligations arising from the requirements of international conventions and the Republic of Uzbekistan's membership in international organizations.	1.Analysis of obligations arising from the requirements of international conventions and membership of the Republic of Uzbekistan in international organizations. 2.Development of a draft regulatory document providing for amendments and additions to the "List of State bodies and other organizations responsible for fulfilling obligations under international treaties and membership of the Republic of Uzbekistan in international organizations». 3. Approval of the draft document with interested ministries and departments. 4. Submission of a draft document to the Cabinet of Ministers in accordance with the established procedure.	February 2022 March 2022 April 2022 June 2022	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, concerned ministries and departments	Accomplishment obligations of the Republic of Uzbekistan under the Stockholm Convention, as well as creating an opportunity to achieve the following: establishment of a persistent organic pollutants management system in the republic (inventory management, monitoring of the systematic use of persistent organic pollutants and their impact on public health and the environment, as well as implementation of measures to reduce them, etc.); ensuring environmental safety of storage warehouses and burial sites toxic ones substances, as well as territories of agricultural airfields; creation of a unified database on chemicals in circulation in the republic, including hazardous chemicals, systematic study of the impact of hazardous chemicals on public health and the environment, and implementation of measures to replace them with safer types;

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					provision of scientific and practical research in the field of chemicals management, including hazardous persistent organic substances, and development international cooperation; raising awareness of chemicals, including hazardous persistent organic pollutants, among the general public.
2.	Study of the feasibility of developing the "On chemical safety" draft law of the Republic of Uzbekistan.	1. Preparation of analytical information based on the results of studying international experience, international documents and legislative documents of foreign countries. 2. Preparation of a draft law concept that provides justification for the need to adopt the draft law and expected results. 3. Approval of the concept of the draft law with interested ministries and departments. 4. Development of the draft law structure.	April-May 2023 June-August 2023 September- October	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, JSC "Uzkimyosanoat", concerned ministries and departments	Preparation of a draft law concept that provides justification for the need to adopt the draft law and expected results.
3.	Introduction to the Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Waste" of norms regulating relations in the field of handling hazardous waste containing	1. Conducting an inventory of existing legislative documents regulating relations in the field of hazardous waste management containing persistent organic pollutants.	2023 February- March 2022 April	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, concerned ministries and departments	Implementation of provisions Stockholm Convention on persistent organic pollutants into national legislation.

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	persistent organic	2. Development of a draft law	2022		
	pollutants.	providing for the introduction of a new			
		chapter in the Law of the Republic of			
		Uzbekistan "On Waste", regulating			
		relations in the field of waste management containing persistent			
		management containing persistent organic pollutants.	June		
		3. Approval of the draft law with	2022		
		interested ministries and departments.	2022		
		4. Submission of a draft law to the	October		
		Cabinet of Ministers in accordance	2022		
		with the established procedure.			
	Development and	1. Development of a "Road map".	March	Committee for	Consideration of issues ratification of
	implementation of the		2022	Ecology of the	the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
	«Road map» for		A 11	Republic of	Informed Consent Procedure for Certain
	preparing for accession to the Rotterdam	2. Approval of the "Road Map" with relevant ministries and	April 2022	Uzbekistan, concerned ministries	Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in international trade.
	Convention on the Prior	with relevant ministries and departments.	2022	and departments	international trade.
4.	Informed Consent	departments.	May	and departments	
''	Procedure for Certain	2. Introduction of the "Road Map"	2022		
	Hazardous Chemicals	to the Cabinet of Ministers.	-		
	and Pesticides in		in the		
	international trade	3. Implementation of the "Road	estimated time		
	(Rotterdam, 10	Map".	frame		
	September 1998).		3.6	7. T.	
	Improvement sanitary	1. Study of foreign experience in	May	Ministry of Health of	Development and
	rules, norms and hygiene standards and regulations	the field of management persistent organic pollutants.	2022	the Republic of Uzbekistan,	implementation sanitary rules, norms and hygiene standards, regulatory documents
5.	in the field of technical	2. Inventory of bylaws and	June	Committee for	in the field of technical regulation, as well
	regulation in the field of	technical manuals in the field of	2022	Ecology of the	as technical guidelines for determining
	10501411011 III IIIC IICIG OI	management of obsolete and	2022	Leology of the	the impact of the persistent organic

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	management persistent organic pollutants.	prohibited pesticides, including persistent organic pollutants. 3. Development of the necessary regulatory legal acts and technical guidelines based on the inventory results. 4. Ensuring the acceptance of	July- September 2022	Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of	pollutants on human health and the environment.
		documents in accordance with the established procedure.	December 2022	Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation	
6.	Development of a classifier for waste, including persistent organic pollutants.	Study of international experience. Development waste classifier that sets the types of waste depending on the origin, aggregate state, level of danger and possibilities of waste use.	May 2023	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Navoi mining and metallurgical combinat (NMMC),	Development of a classifier for toxic waste, waste including persistent organic pollutants.

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				Almalyk mining and metallurgical complex, JSC "Uzkimyosanoat", concerned ministries and departments	
7.	Creating a mechanism of ban and prevention illegal import of chemicals listed in Annexes A and B of the Convention, including materials and electrical equipment containing polychlorobiphenyls or polychlorodiphenyls (PCBs or PCDs).	1. Investigation of cases of import of certain chemical substances into the territory of the Republic, materials and electrical equipment containing PCBs. 2. Study of foreign experience in setting import and export restrictions materials and electrical equipment containing PCBs. 3. Development of a draft regulatory document providing for the creation of these restrictions. 4. Approval of the draft document with interested ministries and departments. 5. Submission of a draft document to the Cabinet of Ministers in accordance with the established procedure.	November 2023	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Customs Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Develop a mechanism to regulate the prevention and prohibition of illegal imports of chemicals listed in Annexes A and B of the Convention.

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	Regulation of the	1. Study of foreign experience in	November	Committee for	Formation of a legal framework for
	operation, storage and	the operation, storage and disposal of	2024	Ecology of the	regulating the operation, storage and
	disposal of PCB-	PCB-containing electrical equipment.		Republic of	disposal of PCB-containing electrical
	containing electrical	2. Conduct negotiations with		Uzbekistan,	equipment.
	equipment.	foreign experts, parties to the		State Committee of	
		Convention.		Industrial Safety of	
		3. Development of relevant		the Republic of	
8.		regulatory documents.		Uzbekistan,	
		4. Approval of the draft document		Ministry of Energy of	
		with interested ministries		the Republic of	
		and departments.		Uzbekistan,	
		5. Submission of a draft document		JSC "Uzeltexsanoat",	
		to the Cabinet of Ministers in		concerned ministries	
		accordance with the established		and departments	
		procedure.			
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	Attraction of technical	1. Development projects to	Starting in	Committee for	Attraction of grant funds and technical
	assistance funds (grants)	implement the necessary measures in	2022	Ecology of the	assistance in the field of persistent organic
	for the Republic of	the framework of the Republic of		Republic of	pollutants management.
	Uzbekistan to fulfill its	Uzbekistan's fulfillment of its	Constantly	Uzbekistan,	
	obligations under the	obligations under the Stockholm		concerned ministries	
	Stockholm Convention.	Convention.		and departments	
9.		2. Determine the necessary funds			
		for project realization.			
		3. Provision of developed projects			
		to the Global Environment Facility			
		and other international donors,			
		potential grantees and conduct			
		negotiations.			
10.	Strengthening the	\mathcal{E}^{-1}	May	Committee for	Strengthening the material and
	material and technical base	equipment.	2022	Ecology of the	technical base of structural divisions of

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	and human resources of territorial laboratories for conducting research inventory of special disposal and storage facilities for toxic chemicals and other toxic substances, agricultural airfields, areas contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, PCB-containing electrical equipment.	 Realization projects aimed at strengthening the material and technical base of laboratories. Provision of laboratories with modern equipment. Involvement of qualified specialists in state analytical laboratories. Organization of advanced training of laboratory specialists. 	During 2022- 2024	Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzhydromet, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	the Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Create the necessary analytical infrastructure for effective management of persistent organic pollutants. Obtaining an accreditation certificate for laboratories.
11.	Consideration of establishing a national or regional analytical laboratory to assess the effects of persistent organic pollutants (dioxins and furans) impact on public health and the environment.	1. Study the issue organizations of a national or regional analytical laboratory. 2. Conducting negotiations with foreign countries. 3. Develop proposals for the establishment of an analytical laboratory based on public-private partnership, coordinate them with interested ministries and departments and submit them to the Cabinet of Ministers.	September 2022 January 2023	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzhydromet, concerned ministries and departments	Creating the necessary analytical infrastructure for evaluation impacts of persistent organic pollutants on public health and the environment.
12.	Development and adaptation of methods for performing content measurements persistent organic pollutants,	1. Development of a schedule for developing, adapting, mastering and updating methods for measuring persistent organic pollutants in food,	December 2022	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan,	Development of analytical methods for determining the concentration of residual amounts of persistent organic pollutants in environmental objects, food, waste and electrical equipment.

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	including furans and dioxins in environmental objects and PCBs in electrical equipment.	environmental objects and electrical equipment. 2. Organization of work on the development of measurement methods according to the schedule. 3. Conducting state registration of measurement techniques in accordance with the established procedure.	According to the schedule	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzhydromet, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Uzbek Agency for Technical Regulation, concerned ministries and departments	
13.	Development and strengthening of research capacity in the field of chemical management.	Creation of the Scientific and Technical Council for Ecology and Environmental Protection under the Ministry of Innovation. Corganization of scientific research on such topics as inventory of persistent organic pollutants affecting public health and ecosystems, creation of alternative safer chemicals, low-and waste-free technologies.	May 2022 Annually	Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Creating a scientific basis for: sources of persistent organic pollutants and their releases to the environment; the presence of persistent organic pollutants in human bodies and the environment, the level of pollution; dissemination and transformation of persistent organic pollutants in the environment; socio-economic consequences; reduce and eliminate emissions, a common source accounting methodology, and analytical methods for measuring persistent organic pollutant emissions.
14.	Establishment of a National register of chemicals, including the National register of	Development and adoption of regulatory documents on state registration of chemical substances. Development of forms and procedures for mandatory statistical	November 2023	State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics,	Establishment of a national register of chemicals, including a National register of persistent organic pollutants. Formation of statistical reports on the form 1-PCDs, 1-PCDs / PCDF approved

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	persistent organic pollutants.	reporting on persistent organic pollutants. 3. Receiving statistical reports. Formation of the National register of persistent organic pollutants based on the analysis of statistical reports. 4. Collection and cataloging of information on the volumes (emissions, waste) of POPs, produced and used in the Republic of Uzbekistan of persistent organic pollutants (stocks, emissions, waste), on the content of persistent organic pollutants in environmental objects.	Starting in 2024 Starting in 2024	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Academy of Sciences	by the State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics.
15.	Compiling a Best available techniques catalog for eliminating obsolete pesticides and reducing persistent organic pollutants.	Collection and analysis of information on persistent organic pollutants. Developing plan on compiling a Best available techniques catalog. 3.Drawing up of the Best available techniques catalog.	August 1 2023 October 1 2023 According to the plan	"Uzkimyosanoat" Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan,	Integration the best ones international practices as a result of the development of a Best available techniques catalog for eliminating obsolete pesticides, reducing PCDD/PCDF, HCB, and PCDs emissions.

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				Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, JSC "Uzkimyosanoat", Tashkent Institute of	
16.	Professional training and retraining of personnel on the identification and assessment of objects containing persistent organic pollutants, identification and restoration of contaminated territories.	1. Organization of training courses on the basis of the Center for retraining and advanced training of employees engaged in activities in the field of Environmental Protection under the Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan.	constantly	Chemical Technology Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Introduction of issues related to the management of persistent organic pollutants in the system of environmental education.

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		Inclusion of persistent organic			
		pollutants management topics in training programs.			
	Organization at	1.Development of a draft technical	2023	Committee for	Ensuring monitoring of storage and
	industrial enterprises a monitoring system for	specification for the organization at industrial enterprises a monitoring		Ecology of the Republic of	processing of waste generated in the course of production activities at
	storage and processing of	system for storage and processing of		Uzbekistan,	industrial enterprises of the Republic.
17.	waste generated in the	waste generated in the course of		concerned ministries	Implementation of digitalization of
17.	course of production	production activities.		and departments	waste management.
	activities.	2.Development design of the	2023		
		information base.			
		3. System development and commissioning.			
I	II. Inventory, identification	of contaminated sites (chemicals inclu	ded in Annex A.	B and C of the Convent	tion) and their environmentally sound
		·	anagement		
		1. Determination places with high	2024	Committee for	Defining types persistent organic
		levels of pollution by provefield		Ecology of the	pollutants, creation of an electronic map
	T	research activities, including hazard		Republic of Uzbekistan,	that displays places of storage and
	Inventory of storage and disposal sites for	assessment. Identification of selected pesticide		Ministry of	burial, land plots contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.
	obsolete and banned	samples.		Agriculture of the	persistent organic ponutants.
	pesticides,	2. Introduction of storage and		Republic of	
. 18.	including persistent	burial sites of obsolete and prohibited		Uzbekistan,	
. 10.	organic	pesticides, including persistent		concerned ministries	
	pollutants, studying	organic pollutants, into the unified		and departments	
	them of import, export and	system of state cadastres in			
	usage.	accordance with the established procedure.			
		3. Assignment of geographical			
		coordinates to objects identified as a			
		result of inventory and construction			

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		on their basis of an electronic map of storage, burial sites and land plots contaminated with persistent organic pollutants. 4. Development of coordinated and sound proposals for rehabilitation measures. 5. Making requirements and recommendations to relevant organizations.			
. 19.	Identification of sites and electrical equipment contaminated with PCDs, inventory and labeling of PCD-containing electrical equipment.	1. Development of an inventory management program. 2. Organization of inventory according to the program. 3. Taking appropriate measures based on the inventory results: Identification and compilation of a register of contaminated PCDs and used, decommissioned and held in reserve sites PCDs containing electrical equipment with subsequent submission of the register to the Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan. Development and introduction to the Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan of a schedule for phased decommissioning PCDs containing electrical equipment and replacement of old electrical equipment.	May 2023 Within the established time frame Within the established time frame	Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Uzbekistan, JSC "Uzeltexsanoat", Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Forming register of contaminated sites, used, decommissioned and held in reserve PCDs containing electrical equipment, containing more than 50 ppm PCDs. Phased decommissioning of PCBs containing electrical equipment.

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		Identification and labeling of equipment containing more than 50 ppm PCDs.				
. 20.	Conducting environmental monitoring of priority sources of persistent organic pollutants within the framework of industrial monitoring of the natural environment.	1. Development, coordination and approval of the program of industrial monitoring of the natural environment. 2. Monitoring of persistent organic pollutants. 3. Analysis of monitoring results and their presentation to the Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan.	According to the program Annually, until March 1	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, economic entities with high and medium risk of environmental impact Economic entities with high and medium risk of environmental impact	Development of a database on priority sources of persistent organic pollutants and their impacts.	
. 21.	Creation of a system for monitoring compliance with the requirements of environmentally safe management of waste containing PCDs in the energy, chemical, automotive and metallurgical sectors.	1. Enabling persistent organic pollutants management requirements when issuing a conclusion of the state ecological expertise. 2. Organization of compliance with the requirements of state expertise during inspections economic activity at subjects.	From 2023	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Ensuring timely prevention of environmental pollution by highly toxic waste containing PCDs.	
IV. Reduce and prevent unintended emissions of dioxins and furans						

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. 22.	Study of issues related to the creating a centralized system for collecting, disposing and eliminating medical waste, taking into account foreign experience.	1. Study of foreign experience in the field of medical waste management. 2. Development of infrastructure in the field of medical waste management, development of proposals for the creation of public-private partnerships in public medical institutions through the gradual transfer of functions for the disposal of medical waste to the private sector and taking measures for their implementation.	November 2022	Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Realization of public-private partnership projects to create a centralized system for collecting, disposing and eliminating medical waste.
. 23.	Study of issues related to the organization of a centralized system for collecting, disposing and eliminating PCDs containing electrical equipment.	1. Study of foreign experience in the collection, utilization and disposal of PCD-containing electrical equipment. 2. Study of the feasibility of creating enterprise for collection, disposal and disposal of PCD-containing electrical equipment and submission of relevant proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers.	March 2023	JSC "Uzeltexsanoat", Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Development of proposals for the organization of infrastructure for the collection, disposal and disposal of PCD-containing electrical equipment.
. 24.	Development of a separate solid waste collection system in Tashkent.	 Conducting educational activities among the population. Study the issue of limiting the use of disposable plastic tableware and develop proposals for appropriate measures. Create ecological retail outlets. 	constantly December 2022	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Khokimiyat of Tashkent city	Ensuring efficient separation of solid household waste, improving the sanitary and epidemiological situation in cities and districts of the republic as a result of attracting the population to separate collection of solid household waste. Waste processing enterprises will save money spent on additional

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		4. Organization of the system separate waste collection in educational institutions in Tashkent. 5. Taking measures to organize a system of separate collection of solid household waste in other regions of the republic based on the results of the work performed.	2022-2025		separation of solid household waste and increase the volume of secondary material resources involved in economic turnover.
		V. Organization of information exc	hange, reporting	and performance evalu	ation
. 25.	Implementation of educational and cultural-educational programs on prevention the negative impact of persistent organic pollutants on public health and the environment, ensuring the exchange of experience.	Organization environmental events dedicated to the persistent organic pollutants. Organization of an exchange of experience (internship) in the field of persistent organic pollutants.	constantly	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Higher and secondary specialized education of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Tashkent chemical- technological institute, Union of Youth of Uzbekistan, NGOs,	Raising the level of knowledge and forming the ecological culture of the population in the field of waste management of persistent organic pollutants, ensuring cooperation in this area with the public and civil society institutions.

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				mass media	
. 26.	Increase public awareness of persistent organic pollutants, ensure public participation in addressing issues related to the impact of persistent organic pollutants on human health and the environment.	1. Ensuring the openness of data about persistent organic pollutants through the dissemination of information through meetings, conversations, briefings, seminars and through the media. 2. Conduct a public discussion of regulatory documents adopted in the field of persistent organic pollutants. 3. Development of public environmental control in the management of chemicals. 4. Organization of interviews with leading national and foreign experts on persistent organic pollutants.	constantly	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of Industrial Safety of the Republic of Uzbekistan, NGOs, Mass media	Improving the level of public knowledge in the field of waste management of persistent organic pollutants, increasing their involvement in the management of persistent organic pollutants, ensuring cooperation in this area with the public and civil society institutions.
27.	Submission to the Conference of the Parties of a national report on the results of measures to monitor the implementation of commitments by the Republic of Uzbekistan.	Develop an evaluation program, checklist, or forms. Development of the evaluation procedure. Creating a reporting mechanism.	Within the established time frame	Committee for Ecology of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan, concerned ministries and departments	Preparation and submission of a national report on the results of measures to monitor the implementation of commitments.
28.	Participate in the processes of preparing a	1. Prepare proposals for the inclusion of new chemicals in the	Based on an analysis of the	Committee for Ecology of the	Establish cooperation with the Convention Secretariat to prevent the

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	list of new substances	Annex to the Convention in	handling of	Republic of	negative effects of hazardous chemicals
	under the Convention.	accordance with the established	chemicals and	Uzbekistan,	on human health and the environment.
		requirements and send them to the	their impact	Ministry of Health of	
		Secretariat.	on human	the Republic of	
			health and the	Uzbekistan,	
			environment	Ministry of	
		2. Ensuring the participation of		Agriculture of the	
		specialists (experts) in events	Based on	Republic of	
		organized by the Secretariat to	requests from	Uzbekistan,	
		discuss proposals from parties to	the Secretariat	Academy of Sciences	
		supplement the Convention's annexes		of the Republic of	
		with new chemicals.		Uzbekistan,	
				Tashkent chemical-	
				technological	
				institute,	
				Ministry of	
				Investments and	
				Foreign Trade of the	
				Republic of	
				Uzbekistan	

Note: The financing of the activities envisaged in the Action Plan will be carried out at the expense of budget funds allocated to responsible executors, their extra-budgetary funds, financial and technical assistance from international donors.