

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility  
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## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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### I. PIF Information *(Copied from the PIF)*

FULL SIZE PROJECT	GEF TRUST FUND
GEF PROJECT ID:	9357
PROJECT DURATION:	5
COUNTRIES:	Paraguay
PROJECT TITLE:	Strengthening the Environmentally-sound Management and Disposal of PCBs in Paraguay
GEF AGENCIES:	UNIDO
OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS:	SEAM Paraguay, UNITAR
GEF FOCAL AREA:	Chemicals and Waste

### II. STAP Advisory Response *(see table below for explanation)*

Based on this PIF screening, STAP's advisory response to the GEF Secretariat and GEF Agency(ies):  
**Concur**

### III. Further guidance from STAP

The STAP commends the agency on a clear, well written proposal, with a well-articulated problem and solution space. There is good attention paid to evidence/science-based Convention guidance, and clear links to other related regional initiatives, whether led by the agency, GEF or by other stakeholders. Related to this, the stakeholder mapping is particularly thorough, recognizing even regional level stakeholders to promote interagency collaboration. Monitoring and Knowledge elements are well considered with clear forethought of leaving the tools and knowledge to support post project sustainability. The Risk and risk mitigation exercise was also particularly well undertaken.

While the intent to complete inventory exercises is made clear, STAP does question how the GEBs were estimated at "up to 700t PCBs" in the absence of completed inventories. The inventory phase should be addressed in a more complete fashion and ensure that all the components are adequately assessed, for the successful of the planned activities. The STAP trusts that the GEB calculation will be clarified in the course of the extensive PPG planned for this project.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
<b>1. Concur</b>	In cases where STAP is satisfied with the scientific and technical quality of the proposal, a simple "Concur" response will be provided; the STAP may flag specific issues that should be pursued rigorously as the proposal is developed into a full project document. At any time during the development of the project, the proponent is invited to approach STAP to consult on the design prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
<b>2. Minor issues to be considered</b>	STAP has identified specific scientific /technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the project proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. The proponent

<p><b>during project design</b></p>	<p>may wish to:</p> <p>(i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised.  (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development, and possibly agreeing to terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review.</p> <p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>
<p><b>3. Major issues to be considered during project design</b></p>	<p>STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical methodological issues, barriers, or omissions in the project concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. The proponent is strongly encouraged to:</p> <p>(i) Open a dialogue with STAP regarding the technical and/or scientific issues raised; (ii) Set a review point at an early stage during project development including an independent expert as required.</p> <p>The GEF Secretariat may, based on this screening outcome, delay the proposal and refer the proposal back to the proponents with STAP's concerns.</p> <p>The proponent should provide a report of the action agreed and taken, at the time of submission of the full project brief for CEO endorsement.</p>