

# Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

The Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, administered by UNEP, advises the Global Environment Facility



## STAP Scientific and Technical screening of the Project Identification Form (PIF)

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### I. PIF Information

Full size project GEF Trust Fund

GEFSEC PROJECT ID: 3269

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: PIMS 3744

COUNTRY(IES): ARGENTINA

PROJECT TITLE: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PCBs IN ARGENTINA

GEF AGENCY(IES): UNDP

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNER(S):

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS,

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): POPS SP-1, POPS SP-2

NAME OF PARENT PROGRAM/UMBRELLA PROJECT:

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

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

### III. Further guidance from STAP

2. STAP acknowledges the scientific and technical soundness of the proposed project dealing with environmentally sound management of PCBs in Argentina. During further development of the project document, STAP encourages UNDP to explore how this project aimed at PCB management helps Argentina to develop a system for ESM of other POPs in terms of building inventories, monitoring and compliance. As far as is feasible, STAP recommends information gathering about the role of the informal sector in managing different stages of the PCB life-cycle in Argentina and proposes the inclusion of specific interventions aimed at improving ESM of PCB-containing equipment that includes incentives for informal sector engagement in project activities.
3. STAP supports the comments of the GEF Secretariat asking for the update of PCB inventories in other than power generation sectors and justification for the selection of pilot projects and technologies for PCB disposal during the project preparation phase.

<i>STAP advisory response</i>	<i>Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed</i>
1. <b>Consent</b>	STAP acknowledges that on scientific/technical grounds the concept has merit. However, STAP may state its views on the concept emphasising any issues that could be improved and the proponent is invited to approach STAP for advice at any time during the development of the project brief prior to submission for CEO endorsement.
2. <b>Minor revision required.</b>	STAP has identified specific scientific/technical suggestions or opportunities that should be discussed with the proponent as early as possible during development of the project brief. One or more options that remain open to STAP include: (i) Opening a dialogue between STAP and the proponent to clarify issues (ii) Setting a review point during early stage project development and agreeing terms of reference for an independent expert to be appointed to conduct this review 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.
3. <b>Major revision required</b>	STAP proposes significant improvements or has concerns on the grounds of specified major scientific/technical omissions in the concept. If STAP provides this advisory response, a full explanation would also be provided. Normally, a STAP approved review will be mandatory prior to submission of the project brief for CEO endorsement. 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.