

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel

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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: 3775

GEF AGENCY PROJECT ID: GF/IND/08/XXX

COUNTRY(IES): REPUBLIC OF INDIA

PROJECT TITLE: ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT AND FINAL DISPOSAL OF PCBs IN INDIA

GEF AGENCY(IES): UNIDO

OTHER EXECUTING PARTNERS: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (MOEF)

GEF FOCAL AREA (S): PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

GEF-4 STRATEGIC PROGRAM(S): POPs-SP1, POPs-SP2

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 welcomes this project and recommends the following improvements to be considered during project development.
3. When proposing technology options for the destruction of PCBs in India, the project proponents should follow the guidance on BAT/BEP of both the Stockholm and Basel Conventions.
4. The PIF adequately describes the problem, but does not propose specific interventions aimed at the engagement with the informal sector on ESM of PCBs. At least inventory work on other than electrical equipment sources of PCBs exposure (e.g., ship breaking industry), including inventory of contaminated sites, should be started by the project. Barrier removal analysis for informal sector engagement is recommended at the project preparation stage.
5. The project should address the issue of how proposed interventions may benefit and contribute to the country's overall capacity to deal with hazardous chemicals.

STAP advisory response	Brief explanation of advisory response and action proposed
1. Consent	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. Minor revision required.	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. Major revision required	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.