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Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution

Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**The 1998 Aarhus Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**

The Executive Body adopted the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants on 24 June 1998 in Aarhus (Denmark). It focuses on 16 substances that have been singled out according to agreed criteria. The substances comprise eleven pesticides, two industrial chemicals and three by-products/contaminants. The ultimate objective is to eliminate any discharges, emissions and losses of POPs. The Protocol bans the production and use of some products outright (aldrin, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, hexabromobiphenyl, mirex and toxaphene). Others are scheduled for elimination at a later stage (DDT, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, PCBs). Finally, the Protocol severely restricts the use of DDT, HCB (including lindane) and PCBs. The Protocol includes provisions for dealing with the wastes of products that will be banned. It also obliges Parties to reduce their emissions of dioxins, furans, PAHs and HCB below their levels in 1990 (or an alternative year between 1990 and 1995). For the incineration of municipal, hazardous and medical waste, it lays down specific limit values.

Convention text:[English](#)[French](#)[Russian](#)[Status of ratification](#)

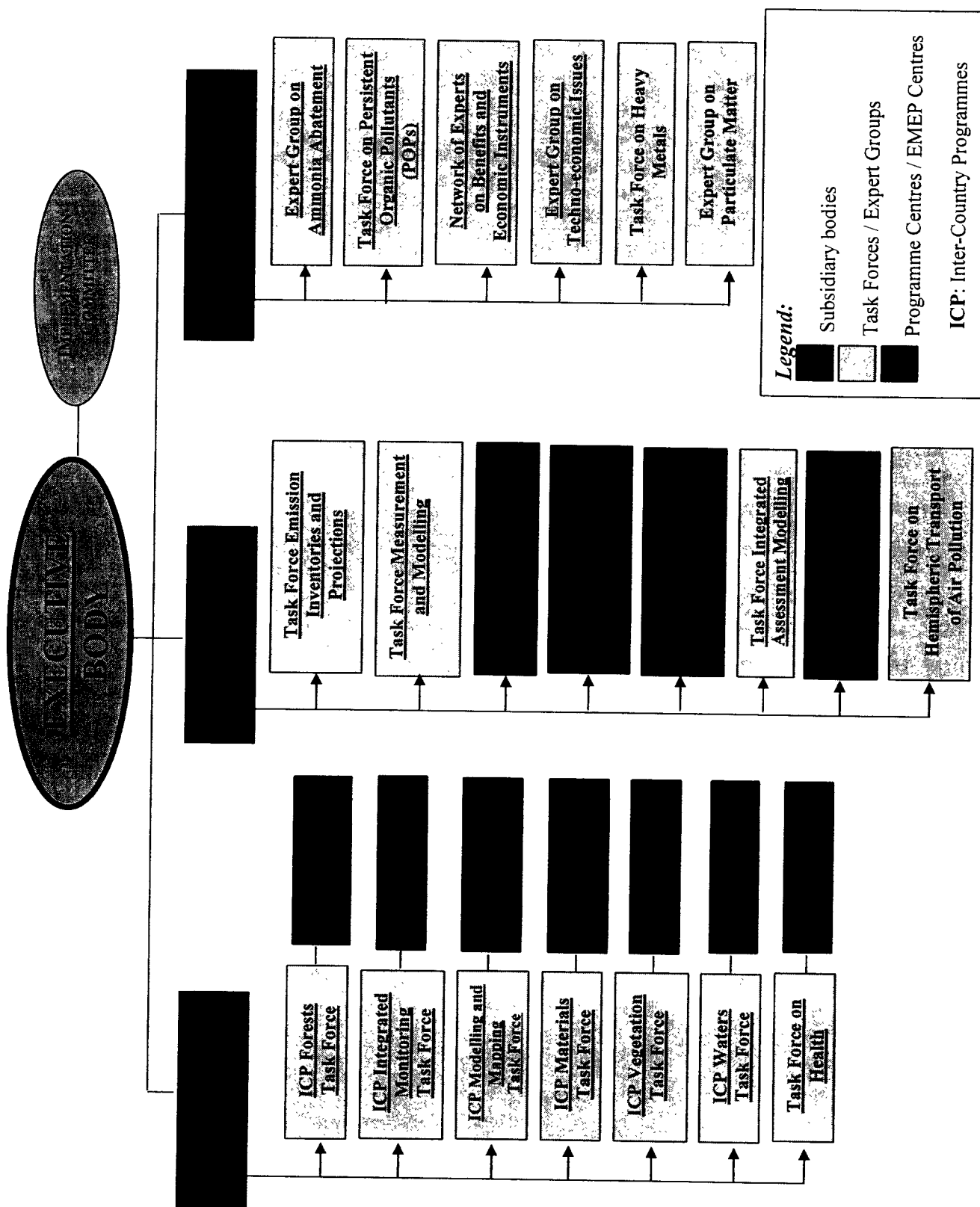
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