Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee

Disclosure of Interest
Richard J. Cooke
Canada

I, Richard J. Cooke, nominated by Canada, residing in Canada, a Member of the Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee declare as follows.

1) I have read the Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Guidelines for the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel, Its Technical Options Committees and Temporary Subsidiary Bodies ("the COI Guidelines") as adopted by the Meeting of the Parties in Decision XXIV/8.

2) I am President and Principal Consultant at Man-West Environmental Group Ltd., a company engaged in environmental consulting. My responsibilities include acting as an independent consultant directing and supporting work in the areas of related to waste management, contaminated sites management, and the demonstration of technologies for chemicals destruction under requirements applied by the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and the Montreal Protocol. Principle clients include Implementing Agencies for the GEF and MLF.

3) This declaration constitutes my written agreement, pursuant to paragraph 8 of the COI Guidelines, to comply with the Guidelines. I understand that this written agreement is a condition of my service.

4) My interests, and those of my personal partner and dependents, include the following:

   a. Proprietary interests: I do not have any proprietary interest in a substance, technology or process to be considered by TEAP or any of its TOCs or temporary subsidiary bodies (e.g. task forces).

   b. Financial interests: I do not have ownership, shares or bonds in an entity with an interest in the subject matter of the meeting or work.

   c. Employment, consultancy, directorship or other positions: Current or potentially active assignments in 2020 possibly relevant to the MCTOC are: a GEF POPs Stockpile Elimination Project and EPS and XPS HBCD Brominated Flame Retardant Project in Turkey, Arctic Council POPs Destruction Demonstrations in Russia; and a study assignment related to development of funding mechanisms for ODS and HFC destruction (declared in advance to MTOC chair).

   d. Government advice and other policy development: The above projects involve provision of advice on policy issues and program implementation to the respective governments that may be relevant to the MCTOC activity.

   e. Paid research activities, fellowships or grants: None

   f. Other interests: Protection of Rocky Mountain wildlife habitat connectivity, particularly large carnivores, and pro-bono technical/regulatory process support for ENGO interventions related to proposed metallurgical coal mining projects.
5) The source of funding for my participation in the work of the Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee is Man-West Environmental Ltd. in which I am the principal shareholder, making my participation effectively self-funded and provided on a pro-bono basis.

6) Pursuant to paragraph 11 of the COI Guidelines, I declare that I have not declined to disclose information falling within paragraph 10 of those Guidelines.

7) I undertake to disclose any material change to any of the above information, pursuant to paragraph 9 of the COI Guidelines, within 30 days of any such change.

8) I undertake to make further declarations of interest annually for so long as I remain a member of the Medical and Chemicals Technical Options Committee.

9) I understand that this DOI will expire no later than one year after I have signed it.

Name: Richard J. Cooke
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