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Subject: Call for information in follow-up to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (face-to-face segment, 6-17 June 2022)

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and others to provide information. The full set of decisions adopted at the meeting are contained in Annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Rotterdam Convention website in due course: www.pic.int. To facilitate responses to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions that contain such invitations. Please bear in mind that this letter does not reflect the full set of decisions.

The information set out in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "Call for information in follow-up to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention".

Please note that similar letters will also be sent to Parties and observers to the Basel and Stockholm conventions as a follow-up to the face-to-face segments of the fifteenth and tenth meetings of their respective conferences of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

In decisions RC-10/3 and RC-10/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention agreed to list decabromodiphenyl ether and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in Annex III to the Convention. A separate letter will be sent to solicit your import responses for those chemicals, at the time the amendments to list them in Annex III to the Convention enter into force on 22 October 2022.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Andrea Lechner, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (E-mail: andrea.lechner@un.org; Tel: +41 22 917 88 53).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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Enc: Follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

To: Rotterdam Convention Official Contact Points
Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities
Members of the Bureau of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva
Representatives of Permanent Missions to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome

Follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

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1. Status of implementation

Decision: RC-10/4: Status of implementation

Background:

At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties were encouraged, among other things, to adopt, as soon as possible, a national definition for the term “pesticide” and communicate national definitions to the Secretariat; to provide the Secretariat with information that might assist other Parties to prepare and notify final regulatory actions; and to provide information on their implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 11, and Articles 12 and 14 of the Convention by submitting responses to the periodic questionnaire on the implementation of those articles. Parties, non-Parties, industry, civil society and other stakeholders were invited to provide to the Secretariat data on the international trade in chemicals listed or recommended for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention.

Follow-up:

| | Calls for information | Respondents | Deadlines for submission |
|-----|---|---|--|
| (a) | Parties are encouraged to communicate national definitions for the term “pesticide” to the Secretariat. | Parties | No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible. |
| (b) | Parties are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with information that might assist other Parties to prepare and notify final regulatory actions, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Scientific and technical information relevant to risk evaluation and decision-making on hazardous chemicals and pesticides; (ii) Texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention. | Parties | No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible. |
| (c) | Parties are encouraged to provide information on their implementation of paragraph 2 of Article 11, and Articles 12 and 14 of the Convention by submitting responses to the periodic questionnaire on the implementation of those articles. | Parties | Deadline to be indicated in the questionnaires to be sent out on this topic. |
| (d) | Parties, non-Parties, industry, civil society and other stakeholders are invited to provide to the Secretariat data on the international trade in chemicals listed or recommended for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention | Parties, non-Parties, industry, civil society, other stakeholders | No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible. |

Contact persons:

- (a) Ms. Christine Fuell, email: christine.fuell@fao.org;
- (b) Mr. Aleksandar Mihajlovski, email: aleksandar.mihajlovski@fao.org; Ms. Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti, email: yvonne.ewang-sanvincent@un.org;
- (c) Mr. Jost Dittkrist, email: jost.dittkrist@un.org;
- (d) Ms. Andrea Lechner, email: andrea.lechner@un.org.

2. Programme of work of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee for the biennium 2022-2023

Decision: RC-10/11: Programme of work for the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee for the biennium 2022-2023

Background:

By decision RC-10/11, the Conference of the Parties adopted the programme of work of the Compliance Committee for the biennium 2022-2023. The Conference of the Parties furthermore urged Parties unable to comply with certain obligations under the Convention or Parties directly affected or likely to be directly affected by another Party's alleged failure to comply with the obligations of the Convention to make submissions to the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention.

Follow up:

| | Calls for information | Respondents | Deadlines for submission |
|--|---|--------------------|---|
| | Parties unable to comply with certain obligations under the Convention or Parties directly affected or likely to be directly affected by another Party's alleged failure to comply with the obligations of the Convention are urged to make submissions to the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention. | Parties | No deadline specified; information to be submitted through the Official Contact Points as soon as possible. |

Contact point:

Ms. Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti, email: yvonne.ewang-sanvincenti@un.org.

3. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Decisions: BC-15/27, RC-10/13 and SC-10/23: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In part I of the abovementioned decisions, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, among other things, adopted the form to enable Parties to the Convention to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Convention and encouraged Parties to provide information about such cases of trade using the adopted form.

In part III of those decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions invited Parties to the three conventions to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.

Follow-up:

| | Call for information | Respondents | Method of submission | Deadlines for submission |
|-----|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| (a) | Parties to the Rotterdam Convention are encouraged to provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Rotterdam Convention; | Parties | Please submit information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Convention using the prescribed form ¹ | As appropriate |
| (b) | Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are invited to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose. | Parties | Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below | As appropriate |

Contact person:

Ms. Tatiana Terekhova, email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org.

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/32–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/52.

4. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decisions: BC-15/29, RC-10/15 and SC-10/25: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In the above-mentioned decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, among other things, invited Parties to the conventions to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, if possible by 1 March 2023, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023.

Follow-up:

| Call for information | Respondents | Deadlines for submission |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Parties to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023. | Parties | 1 March 2023 |

Contact person:

Mr. David Ogden, email: david.ogden@un.org.
