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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 (online segment, 26-30 July 2021)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the online segment of its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention adopted decision RC-10/3, on interim programme of work and budget of the Rotterdam Convention for 2022, in which it took note of the information on the modalities for the continuation of the intersessional work and processes of the Rotterdam Convention emanating from the decisions of the ninth and previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties until new decisions would be adopted at the face-to-face segment of its tenth meeting in 2022 (see document UNEP/CHW.15/INF/69–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/49–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/71).

In line with modalities outlined in the abovementioned document, please find enclosed a summary of the individual invitations to Parties and observers for the provision of information and comments on relevant products in the extended intersessional period leading to the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2022. The information set out in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "[Call for information in follow-up to the online segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention](#)".

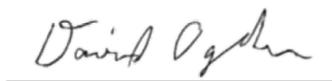
Please note that similar letters have also been sent to Parties and observers to the Basel and Stockholm conventions as a follow-up to the online segment of the meeting of their respective Conference of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

The decisions adopted at the online segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties are contained in the annex to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Convention's website: www.pic.int.

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 online segment of to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

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Members of the Bureau of the tenth 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 online segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention

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1. Election of officers

1. As described in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/2 and documents referenced therein, the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting is expected to proceed with various elections, bearing in mind that, during its online segment, the Conference of the Parties extended the mandate of 17 members of the Chemical Review Committee and elected 15 members of the Compliance Committee, in accordance with decision RC-10/1 on election of members of subsidiary bodies under the Rotterdam Convention.
2. As agreed by the Bureau, which was mandated to facilitate, during the intersessional period preceding the 2021 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties, the process for nominating candidates for elections with the support of the Secretariat, Parties were initially invited to transmit, by 19 April 2021, the names of candidates for elections. Given that the elections of 17 members of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and of the 5 officers of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention was deferred to the face-to-face segment of the Conference of the Parties to be held in 2022, this deadline is extended to **1 March 2022**. This will also allow for further consultations on the matter to be facilitated by the respective regional focal points for election matters in advance of and during the regional preparatory meetings expected to be held in advance of the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. The invitation for nomination of candidates in relation to the elections to take place during the face-to-face segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2022 is summarized below:

| Topic | Document symbol | Respondents | Initial deadline | Extended/new deadline |
|--|--|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Invitation to transmit the names of 5 candidates for election as officers of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties | UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/2 and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/I NF/3 | Parties | 19 April 2021 | 1 March 2022 |
| Invitation to transmit the names and required supporting documentation of 17 candidates for appointment as members of the CRC | UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/5 and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/I NF/3 | State Parties | 19 April 2021 | 1 March 2022 |

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2. Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention

1. As is described in the note by the Secretariat on the Chemical Review Committee: developments for action by the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/5), the Committee decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it list two severely hazardous pesticide formulations and five chemicals in Annex III to the Convention; it also finalized draft decision guidance documents for the seven chemicals, which are:
 - (a) Acetochlor;¹
 - (b) Carbosulfan;²
 - (c) Chrysotile asbestos;³
 - (d) Decabromodiphenyl ether;⁴
 - (e) Fenthion (ultra-low-volume (ULV) formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L);⁵
 - (f) Liquid formulations (emulsifiable concentrate and soluble concentrate) containing paraquat dichloride at or above 276 g/L, corresponding to paraquat ion at or above 200 g/L;⁶
 - (g) Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.⁷
2. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 21 of the Convention, on 15 December 2020, more than six months before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat communicated the recommendations to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the depositary. To facilitate discussions at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Parties were originally invited to submit to the Secretariat any comments relating to the recommendations on the listing of the above chemicals by 17 March 2021.
3. Given that the above-mentioned recommendations on the listing of chemicals in Annex III are to be considered by the Conference of the Parties during its face-to-face segment in 2022, the deadline for providing comments in response to this invitation is extended to **14 January 2022**. A compilation of submissions by Parties relating to the recommendations will be made available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/8.
4. The invitation for comments in relation to the recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee for amending Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention is summarized below:

| Topic | Document symbol | Respondents | Initial deadline | Extended/new deadline |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee for amending Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention | UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/5 | Parties | 17 March 2021 | 14 January 2022 |

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

1. As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (UNEP/CHW.15/24–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/24), the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions requested the Secretariat to develop, taking

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/6 and Add.1.

² UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/7 and Add.1.

³ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/8 and Add.1.

⁴ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/9 and Add.1.

⁵ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/10 and Add.1.

⁶ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/11 and Add.1.

⁷ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/12 and Add.1.

into account lessons learned from experience with the Basel Convention, a draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions, for comments by Parties. The Secretariat made available to Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions draft forms for cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions with an invitation to provide comments by 15 January 2020.

2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions during their face-to-face segment in 2022, the deadline for providing comments in response to this invitation is extended to **15 November 2021**. The information submitted by Parties will be available on the Conventions' website.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

| Topic | Document symbol | Respondents | Initial deadline | Extended/ new deadline |
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| “Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes” - draft form and explanatory document to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions | Communication by the Secretariat dated 15 December 2020 ⁸ | Parties | 15 January 2020 | 15 November 2021 |

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⁸ See <http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3464/language/en-US/Default.aspx> and <http://chm.pops.int/TheConvention/Communications/tabid/3391/Default.aspx>.

4. From science to action

1. As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on “From science to action” (UNEP/CHW.15/25–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/25), in paragraph 4 of decisions BC-14/25, RC-9/13 and SC-9/23, the conferences of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2020, information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions.⁹
2. Given that the above issue is to be considered by the conferences of the Parties during their face-to-face segment in 2022, Parties and others are invited to submit information described in paragraph 1 above by the extended deadline of **14 January 2022**. The information submitted by Parties and others will be compiled in annex II to document UNEP/CHW.15/INF/49–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/36–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/54.
3. The above-mentioned invitation is summarized below:

| Topic | Document symbol | Respondents | Initial deadline | Extended/new deadline |
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| “From science to action” - information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions | UNEP/CHW.15/25–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/25 | Parties Others | 30 November 2020 | 14 January 2022 |

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⁹ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/40–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/35–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/44.