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Subject: Call for information and follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its ninth meeting (Geneva, Switzerland from 29 April to 10 May 2019)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its ninth 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: www.pic.int. To facilitate your response to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions.

This letter and relevant forms for submitting the solicited information are also available on the Convention website in the section "[Call for information and follow-up to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters have also been sent to Parties and observers for the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions. The invitations for information contained in three of the joint decisions adopted by the three conferences of the Parties have been included in each of the individual letters.

In decisions RC-9/3 and RC-9/4, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention agreed to list hexabromocyclododecane and phorate 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 16 September 2019.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Andrea Lechner, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (E-mail: andrea.lechner@brsmeas.org; Tel: +41 22 917 88 53, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

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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

Yours sincerely,



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1. Status of implementation of the Convention

Decision: RC-9/1: Status of implementation of the Convention

Background:

At the ninth 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”, should they not yet have done so, and communicate the national definitions for the term “pesticide” to the Secretariat; to provide the Secretariat with information that may 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. The Conference of the Parties also invited Parties, non-Parties, civil society and other stakeholders to provide to the Secretariat data on the international trade in chemicals listed or recommended for listing in Annex III to the Convention; as well as information on the measurable impact of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Convention.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are encouraged to communicate the national definition for the term “pesticide” to the Secretariat.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(b)	Parties are encouraged to provide the Secretariat with information that may 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	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	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	An online questionnaire will be made available and sent out to enable responses to this request.	Deadline to be indicated in the questionnaire.
(d)	Parties, non-Parties, industry, civil society and other stakeholders are invited to provide to the Secretariat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Data on the international trade in chemicals listed or recommended for listing in Annex III to the Convention; (ii) Information on the measurable impact of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Convention. 	Parties, non-Parties, industry, civil society, other stakeholders	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Contact points:

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- (d) Ms. Andrea Lechner (Email: andrea.lechner@brsmeas.org, Tel: +41 22 917 8853, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

2. Consideration of acetochlor for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention

Decision: RC-9/5: Consideration of acetochlor for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention

Background:

At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties decided that the requirements for listing acetochlor in Annex III to the Convention had been met, but was not able to reach consensus on whether to list the chemical in Annex III to the Convention. The Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to make use of all available information on acetochlor to assist others, in particular developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to make informed decisions regarding the import and management of acetochlor and to inform other Parties of those decisions using the information exchange provisions laid down in Article 14 of the Convention.

To facilitate such information exchange, Parties can submit this information to the Secretariat who will share it through the PIC Circular.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties to make use of all available information on acetochlor to assist others, in particular developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to make informed decisions regarding the import and management of acetochlor and to inform other Parties of those decisions using the information exchange provisions laid down in Article 14 of the Convention	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Contact point:

Ms. Yun Zhou (Email: yun.zhou@fao.org, Tel: +39 06 5705 4160, Fax +39 06 5705 3224).

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

Decision: RC-9/12: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In decision RC-9/12, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, encouraged Parties that have not yet done so to establish national-level coordination mechanisms with a view to facilitating the exchange of information among relevant authorities responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Basel, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention aimed at controlling the export and import of the chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions, and encouraged Parties to provide information to the Secretariat about cases of illegal traffic and trade in the chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, where the provision of such information is appropriate under existing reporting procedures.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties to provide information to the Secretariat about cases of illegal traffic and trade in the chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, where the provision of such information is appropriate under existing reporting procedures.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	As appropriate

Contact point:

Ms. Tatiana Terekhova (Email: tatiana.terekhova@brsmeas.org, Tel: +41 22 917 83 40, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

4. From science to action

Decision: RC-9/13: From science to action

Background:

In decision RC-9/13, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions¹ and encouraged Parties and others to initiate action that promotes the implementation of the road map.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat, information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map.	Parties Observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 November 2020

Contact point:

Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org, Tel: +41 22 917 82 01, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/40–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/35–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/44.

5. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Decision: RC-9/15: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In decision RC-9/15, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties to submit offers to host the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, if possible by 31 March 2021, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2021.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties are invited to submit offers to host the 2023 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2021.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	If possible by 31 March 2021

Contact point:

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