

RC-3/3: Inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting with appreciation the work of the Chemical Review Committee in its consideration of chrysotile asbestos, in particular the technical quality and comprehensiveness of the draft decision guidance document,

Having considered the recommendation of the Chemical Review Committee to make chrysotile asbestos subject to the prior informed consent procedure and accordingly to list it in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention,

Taking into account that the Conference of the Parties is not yet able to reach consensus on whether to list chrysotile asbestos,

Aware that the failure to reach consensus so far has created concerns in many Parties,

1. *Decides* that the agenda for the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall include further consideration of a draft decision to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to include the following chemical:

Chemical	Relevant CAS number(s)	Category
Chrysotile asbestos	12001-29-5	Industrial

2. *Decides* that the requirements set out in article 5, including the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention as referenced in paragraph 6 of article 5 of the Convention, the requirements set out in paragraph 1 of article 7 of the Convention and the requirements set out in the first sentence of paragraph 2 of Article 7 of the Convention on the process for listing in Annex III to the Convention, have been met;

3. *Encourages* Parties to make use of all available information on chrysotile asbestos to assist others, in particular developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to make informed decisions regarding the import and management of chrysotile asbestos and to inform other Parties of those decisions using the information exchange provisions laid down in Article 14.
