

RC-7/1: Proposal for activities to increase notifications of final regulatory action

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the activities that the Secretariat is undertaking with regard to notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict pesticides and industrial chemicals;¹

2. *Urges* parties to exchange information in accordance with the provisions of the Convention by submitting notifications of final regulatory action for banned or severely restricted chemicals;

3. *Encourages* parties to provide the Secretariat with texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to collect the following information that may assist parties in preparing notifications of final regulatory action and to make it available to parties and other stakeholders in a user-friendly format:

(a) Scientific and technical information for risk assessment and decision-making;

(b) National legislation and other measures adopted by parties to implement the Convention;

5. *Also requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To provide assistance to parties, upon request, in order to facilitate an increase in the number of notifications of final regulatory action;

(b) To follow up with parties on an individual basis with the objective of ensuring that their notifications meet the information requirements of Annex I to the Convention;

(c) To use existing materials in its technical assistance activities and to develop additional guidance material, as appropriate, so as to enhance their effectiveness;

(d) To provide assistance to developing country parties and parties with economies in transition, subject to the availability of resources, aimed at increasing the number of proposals for the listing of severely hazardous pesticide formulations;

(e) To carry out, subject to the availability of resources, a survey on the final regulatory actions adopted by parties and to make the results of the survey available to all parties by publishing it on the website of the Convention;

(f) To include in its technical assistance programme:²

(i) Activities to support parties in strengthening national coordination mechanisms for decision-making;

(ii) Activities to advise parties on the use of risk evaluations and exposure assessments completed in other countries and the use of international risk evaluations as bridging information to support their submissions;

(g) To identify the main constraints faced by parties when implementing Article 5 of the Convention.

¹ See UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/4.

² See UNEP/CHW.12/13-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/13-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/13.