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| **Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and** **Their Disposal****Thirteenth meeting**Geneva, 24 April−5 May 2017Agenda item 5**Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions** | **Conference of the Parties to theRotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade** **Eighth meeting**Geneva, 24 April–5 May 2017Agenda item 6**Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions** | **Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants****Eighth meeting**Geneva, 24 April–5 May 2017Agenda item 6**Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions** |

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1. *Emphasizes* that, through its subsidiary bodies, expert groups and other related mechanisms, including with other partners, the necessary processes are in place to ensure
science-based work and decision-making under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and welcomes their work in this respect;
2. *Emphasizes* the importance of, and the need to enhance, the interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors in the policy process to promote exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions;
3. *Encourages* Parties and other stakeholders to initiate action to promote science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the conventions at the national level;
4. *Takes note* of the Secretariat's draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions;[[1]](#footnote-1)
5. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, and in collaboration with regional centres, as appropriate, to undertake capacity-building and training activities to support Parties in science-based decision-making and action in the implementation of the conventions;
6. *Welcomes* the progress made so far, and *requests* the Secretariat, by 30 September 2017, to further revise the draft road map with a focus on moving from multilateral dialogue to action at the national and regional levels, while avoiding duplication and inconsistencies with existing mechanisms, and taking into account the views expressed by Parties during the conferences of Parties at their meetings in 2017;
7. *Invites* Parties and others to submit comments on the further revised road map by 28 February 2018;
8. *Invites* Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to nominate through their Bureau representatives up to four experts per United Nations region, by 30 June 2017, to assist the secretariat in further revising the draft road map, working through electronic means, and *requests* the Secretariat to prepare a final draft, with a focus on enhancing science-based action at the national and regional levels, in particular with regard to section 4.2 and appendix 1 of the current draft road map,[[2]](#footnote-2) for consideration by the conferences of the Parties at their next meetings;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant organizations, scientific bodies and stakeholders towards strengthening the science-policy interface and to report to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2019 on the implementation of the present decision.

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1. UNEP/CHW.13/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/52, annex I. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. UNEP/CHW.13/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/52, annex I. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)