

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

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting with appreciation* the work of the Chemical Review Committee in its consideration of acetochlor, in particular the technical quality and comprehensiveness of the draft decision guidance document for that chemical,<sup>1</sup>

*Having considered* the recommendation of the Chemical Review Committee to make acetochlor subject to the prior informed consent procedure and accordingly to list it in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade as a pesticide,

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

*Aware* that the failure to reach consensus so far has caused concern for many Parties,

1. *Decides* that the agenda for the tenth 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  |
|------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Acetochlor | 34256-82-1             | Pesticide |

2. *Also decides* that the requirements set out in Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention, including the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention as referred to 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 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 Rotterdam Convention.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/6/Add.1.