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**Subject: Questionnaire for information request on exports, export notifications and information exchange-
Year 2016**

Dear Designated National Authority,

At its seventh meeting held in 2015, by decision RC-7/2, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade requested the Secretariat to facilitate the exchange of information and report to each meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the implementation of Articles 11 (paragraph 2), 12 and 14 of the Convention.

Paragraph 2 of Article 11 relates to ensuring that export of a chemical listed in Annex III of the Convention does not take place to an importing Party that failed to transmit an import response or transmitted an interim response that does not contain an interim decision unless certain conditions are met. Article 12 describes the provisions related to export notifications including information requirements for export notifications. Article 14 describes the provisions on information exchange, including the exchange of scientific, technical, economic and legal information concerning the chemicals within the scope of this Convention, the provision of publicly available information on domestic regulatory actions relevant to the objectives of this Convention, and the provision of information on domestic regulatory actions that substantially restrict one or more uses of the chemical.

Designated National Authorities of Parties to the Convention are invited to respond to the online questionnaire with information corresponding to the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 by **15 December 2017**.

The online questionnaire is available on the Convention website at the last section of the webpage "Call for information and follow-up to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention" at www.pic.int/tabid/5959/Default.aspx

The responses to the questionnaire will be compiled by the Secretariat and reported to the Conference of the Parties at its next ordinary meeting.

In order to provide a coordinated response to the questionnaire, and as far as feasible, DNAs are invited to collaborate with other DNAs, Official Contact Points (OCPs) and any other relevant stakeholders for the preparation of responses to the questionnaire.

To: Rotterdam Convention Designated National Authorities

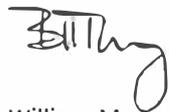
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The responses to the questionnaire for the year 2015 received from Parties were reported to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting through document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/10. If your country has submitted information for that year, you may wish to refer to the above document for such information to facilitate the completion of relevant sections of the questionnaire for year 2016.

Should you need further clarification in responding to this questionnaire, related to industrial chemicals or technical support on using the online questionnaire please contact Mr. Gamini Manuweera (gamini.manuweera@brsmeas.org; Tel.: +41-22-917-8604, Fax: +41-22-917-8098). For questions on pesticides please contact Mr. Aleksandar Mihajlovski (aleksandar.mihajlovski@fao.org; Tel.: +39 06 5705 2801, Fax +39 06 5705 3224).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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