Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade Chemical Review Committee First meeting Geneva, 11–18 February 2005

Report of the Chemical Review Committee on the work of its first meeting

Annex I

Rationale, decision and work plan for chrysotile asbestos

B. Recommendation to the Conference of the Parties on the inclusion of chrysotile asbestos in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention

The Chemical Review Committee,

Recalling article 5 of the Convention,

Concluding that the notifications of final regulatory actions by Australia, Chile and the European Community meet the criteria set forth in Annex II to the Convention,

Noting that the World Health Organization/International Programme for Chemical Safety will carry out a further assessment of substitutes to chrysotile asbestos in September 2005, which may be of relevance in the drafting of the decision-guidance document,

Decides, in accordance with paragraph 6 of article 5 of the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that it should include chrysotile asbestos in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention.