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DESIGNATION OF EXPERTS FOR THE INTERIM CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Note by the secretariat

1. At its sixth session, held in Rome from 12 to 16 July 1999, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, in its decision INC-6/2, established an interim subsidiary body to be called the Interim Chemical Review Committee, composed of 29 government-designated experts in chemical management appointed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the basis of the interim PIC regions, as follows: six experts from Africa; five experts from Asia; six experts from Europe; five experts from Latin America and the Caribbean; three experts from the Near East; two experts from North America; and two experts from the Southwest Pacific.

2. At the same session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee the interim PIC regional groups identified countries for the Interim Chemical Review Committee from those countries that were participating in the interim PIC procedure, as follows: (a) Africa: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mauritius, Morocco and South Africa; (b) Asia: China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Nepal; (c) Europe: Finland, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Russian Federation and Turkey; (d) Latin America and the Caribbean: Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and El Salvador; (e) Near East: Egypt, Qatar and Sudan; (f) North America: Canada and United States of America; and (g) Southwest Pacific: Australia and Samoa.

3. In decision INC-6/2 the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee decided that the 29 governments identified should formally designate those experts and, through the secretariat, provide their names and relevant qualifications to the parties of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee by 15 September 1999, and that such experts should serve as members of the Interim Chemical Review Committee on an interim basis, pending formal confirmation of their

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appointment by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its seventh session.

4. In pursuance of the above-mentioned decision, the secretariat sent letters to the 29 identified governments on 16 August 1999, inviting each of them to officially designate an expert for the Interim Chemical Review Committee (a copy of the communication is attached as annex I). As decided by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, the official nomination was requested by 15 September 1999. On 6 October and, subsequently, on 28 October 1999, additional communications requesting official nominations were sent to governments that had failed to designate an expert by the indicated deadline. A communication welcoming the designation of each expert and including the necessary background information was sent to designated experts on 12 November 1999 (annex II).

5. The following Governments had officially designated experts as of 1 December - Australia, Barbados, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mauritius, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Samoa, Sudan, Turkey, United States of America. For details of each expert and contact information, see annex III. The qualifications of each expert as submitted are attached in annex IV.

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ANNEX I



Interim Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade



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16 August 1999

Subject: Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade

Sir,

Designation of Government Experts in Chemicals Management to the Interim Chemical Review Committee.

At its sixth session, held in Rome from 12 to 16 July 1999, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade decided to establish a subsidiary body, to be called the Interim Chemical Review Committee (decision INC-6/2). The Interim Chemical Review Committee shall comprise 29 government-designated experts in chemicals management, appointed on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, ensuring a balance between developed and developing countries. The main responsibilities of the Interim Chemical Review Committee are to make recommendations to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the inclusion of banned and severely restricted chemicals and acutely hazardous pesticide formulations, and to prepare draft decision guidance documents for the chemicals recommended for inclusion.

A copy of the report of the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee is enclosed for ease of reference.

In the same decision, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee decided that the 29 Governments identified at the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should formally designate those experts and, through the secretariat, provide their names and relevant qualifications to the parties to the Intergovernmental

Negotiating Committee by 15 September 1999 and that such experts should serve as members of the Interim

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Chemical Review Committee on an interim basis, pending formal confirmation of their appointment by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its seventh session.

The seven regional groups of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee identified the following 29 Governments which were to designate experts to the Interim Chemical Review Committee:

- (a) Africa: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gambia, Mauritius, Morocco and South Africa;
- (b) Asia: China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Nepal;
- (c) Europe: Finland, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Russian Federation and Turkey;
- (d) Latin America and the Caribbean: Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador and El Salvador;
- (e) Near East: Egypt, Qatar and Sudan;
- (f) North America: Canada and United States of America; and
- (g) Southwest Pacific: Australia and Samoa.

On behalf of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, I have the honour to invite you, if you not yet done so, to designate an expert in chemicals management to serve as a member of the Interim Chemical Review Committee in accordance with the provisions of decision INC-6/2. Please communicate the name and address, including telephone, fax and e-mail numbers, together with a curriculum vitae, documenting the relevant qualifications in chemicals management, to the secretariat at the following address at your earliest convenience, but no later than 15 September 1999:

Interim Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention
United Nations Environment Programme
11-13, chemin des Anémones
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Switzerland

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(sign)
James B. Willis
Executive Secretary

ANNEX II



*Interim Secretariat for the Rotterdam Convention on the
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12 November 1999

Dear [],

We have been informed by your Government of your designation as member of the Interim Chemical Review Committee, and on behalf of the Interim Secretariat, it is a pleasure for us to welcome your nomination.

At its sixth session, held in Rome from 12 to 16 July 1999, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade decided, in decision INC-6/2, to establish a subsidiary body, to be called the Interim Chemical Review Committee (ICRC). The ICRC comprises 29 government-designated experts in chemical management, appointed on the basis of equitable geographical distribution, ensuring a balance between developed and developing countries. The main responsibilities of the Interim Chemical Review Committee are to make recommendations to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on the inclusion of banned and severely restricted chemicals and acutely hazardous pesticide formulations, and to prepare draft decision guidance documents for the chemicals recommended for inclusion. The report of the sixth session of the INC/PIC, including decision INC-6/2, is enclosed.

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- (g) Southwest Pacific: Australia and Samoa.

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The first meeting of the ICRC is scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 21 – 25 February 2000. The invitation letter and meeting documents are expected to be sent out shortly. At this time you will also receive information on the designation of the other 28 members of the ICRC.

In the mean time we have the pleasure to enclose a selection of background documentation that you may find useful in your function as member of the ICRC and which we suggest you keep for future reference.

If at any time you have questions regarding the ICRC or the operation of the interim PIC procedure please do not hesitate to contact the Interim Secretariat at either of the addresses given in the letterhead.

We look forward to working together with you.

Yours sincerely,

(sign)

James B. Willis
Executive Secretary

(sign)

Niek van der Graaff
Executive Secretary

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ENCLOSURES

1. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade – Text and Annexes;
2. Final Act of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, Rotterdam, 10-11 September 1998;
3. Report of the sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (INC/PIC);
4. Chemicals currently subject to the interim PIC procedure;
5. Decision Guidance Documents for binapacryl and toxaphene (as adopted by the INC/PIC at its sixth session);
6. Form for "Notification of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict a chemical" with instructions for submission of the form;
7. Form for "Importing Country Response" with instructions for submission of the form;
8. PIC Circular IX – June 1999;
9. Register of Designated National Authorities, June 1999.

NOTE: Some of the documentation above is available in other official languages of the INC. Please contact the Secretariat for further information.

Annex III

Experts designated as members of the Interim Chemical Review Committee as of 1 December 1999

pending final confirmation by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee

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ANNEX IV

**NOMINATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS OF EXPERTS OF THE INTERIM CHEMICAL
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As received by the secretariat

