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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

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STATUS OF SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION

Status of signature and ratification of the Convention as on 14 November 2003

Note by the secretariat

1. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade was adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 10 September 1998 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In accordance with its article 24, the Convention was open for signature at Rotterdam by all States and regional economic integration organizations on 11 September 1998, and subsequently at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 September 1998 to 10 September 1999. As on 11 September 1999 the Convention had been signed by 73 Parties, as set out in annex I.
2. As on 14 November 2003, 50 Parties had ratified, accepted, approved and acceded to the Convention, as set out in annex I. In accordance with article 26, paragraph, 3 of the Convention, any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession deposited by a regional economic integration organization shall not be counted as additional to those deposited by member States of that organization. Therefore, approval of the Convention by the European Community is not counted as additional to ratification instruments deposited by its member States for purposes of article 26 of the Convention.
3. In accordance with its article 26, the Convention will enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Annex I is based on information published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. It does not constitute an official document and is reproduced for information only.

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Annex IStatus of signature and ratification, acceptance, approval and accession as on 14 November 2003Status: Signatories: 73, Parties: 50

Party	Date of signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)
Angola	11 Sept. 1998	
Argentina	11 Sept. 1998	
Armenia	11 Sept. 1998	
Australia	6 July 1999	
Austria	11 Sept. 1998	27 Aug 2002
Barbados	11 Sept. 1998	
Belgium	11 Sept. 1998	23 Oct 2002
Benin	11 Sept. 1998	
Brazil	11 Sept. 1998	
Bulgaria		25 July 2000 a
Burkina Faso	11 Sept. 1998	11 Nov 2002
Cameroon	11 Sept. 1998	20 May 2002
Canada		26 Aug 2002 a
Chad	11 Sept. 1998	
Chile	11 Sept. 1998	
China	24 Aug. 1999	
Colombia	11 Sept. 1998	
Congo	11 Sept. 1998	
Costa Rica	17 Aug. 1999	
Côte d'Ivoire	11 Sept. 1998	
Cuba	11 Sept. 1998	
Cyprus	11 Sept. 1998	
Czech Republic	22 June 1999	12 June 2000
Democratic Republic of the Congo	11 Sept. 1998	
Denmark	11 Sept. 1998	
Ecuador	11 Sept. 1998	
El Salvador	16 Feb. 1999	8 Sept. 1999
Equatorial Guinea		7 Feb 2003 a
Ethiopia		9 Jan 2003 a
European Community	11 Sept. 1998	20 Dec 2002 AA
Finland	11 Sept. 1998	
France	11 Sept. 1998	
Gambia		26 Feb 2002 a
Germany	11 Sept. 1998	11 Jan 2001
Ghana	11 Sept. 1998	30 May 2003
Greece	11 Sept. 1998	
Guinea		7 Sept. 2000 a
Guinea-Bissau	10 Sept. 1999	
Hungary	10 Sept. 1999	31 Oct 2000
Indonesia	11 Sept. 1998	
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	17 Feb. 1999	
Israel	20 May 1999	
Italy	11 Sept. 1998	27 Aug 2002
Jamaica		20 Aug 2002 a
Japan	31 Aug. 1999	

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Jordan		22 Jul 2002 a
Kenya	11 Sept. 1998	
Kuwait	11 Sept. 1998	
Kyrgyzstan	11 Aug. 1999	25 May 2000
Latvia		23 Apr 2003 a
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		9 Jul 2002 a
Luxembourg	11 Sept. 1998	28 Aug 2002
Madagascar	8 Dec. 1998	
Malaysia		4 Sep 2002 a
Mali	11 Sept. 1998	5 Jun 2003
Marshall Islands		27 Jan 2003 a
Mauritania	1 Sept. 1999	
Mongolia	11 Sept. 1998	8 March 2001
Namibia	11 Sept. 1998	
Netherlands 1/	11 Sept. 1998	20 April 2000 A
New Zealand	11 Sept. 1998	23 Sep 2003
Nigeria		28 June 2001 a
Norway	11 Sept. 1998	25 Oct 2001 A
Oman		31 Jan. 2000 a
Pakistan	9 Sept. 1999	
Panama	11 Sept. 1998	18 Aug. 2000
Paraguay	11 Sept. 1998	18 Aug 2003
Peru	11 Sept. 1998	
Philippines	11 Sept. 1998	
Portugal	11 Sept. 1998	
Republic of Korea	7 Sept. 1999	11 Aug 2003
Romania		2 Sep 2003 a
Saint Lucia	25 Jan. 1999	
Samoa		30 May 2002 a
Saudi Arabia		7 Sept. 2000 a
Senegal	11 Sept. 1998	20 July 2001
Seychelles	11 Sept. 1998	
Slovenia	11 Sept. 1998	17 Nov. 1999
South Africa		4 Sep 2002 a
Spain	11 Sept. 1998	
Suriname		30 May 2000 a
Sweden	11 Sept. 1998	10 Oct 2003
Switzerland	11 Sept. 1998	10 Jan 2002
Syrian Arab Republic	11 Sept. 1998	24 Sep 2003
Tajikistan	28 Sept. 1998	
Thailand		19 Feb 2002 a
Togo	9 Sept. 1999	
Tunisia	11 Sept. 1998	
Turkey	11 Sept. 1998	
Ukraine		6 Dec 2002 a
United Arab Emirates		10 Sep 2002 a
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Sept. 1998	
United Republic of Tanzania	11 Sept. 1998	26 Aug 2002
United States of America	11 Sept. 1998	
Uruguay	11 Sept. 1998	4 Mar 2003

