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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
Eleventh session**

Geneva, 18 September 2004

Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters:

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The eleventh 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, convened in the form of a conference of plenipotentiaries, will be held at the International Conference Centre, rue de Varembé 15, Geneva. The session will be opened at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 18 September 2004.

2. Opening statements will be provided by:

(a) Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and

(b) Ms. Louise Fresco, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture Department, of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

* UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.10/1.

Item 2: Organizational Matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/1.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee may wish to decide to apply the rules of procedure for meetings of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee *mutatis mutandis* to its proceedings at the present session to be held in the form of a conference of plenipotentiaries.

5. The Committee may wish to decide that it should meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

Item 3: Report on credentials of the representatives.

6. Since the present session of the Committee will be held in the form of a conference of plenipotentiaries, credentials (issued by the head of State or Government or by the minister for foreign affairs) must be provided and should be submitted to the secretariat no later than 10 September 2004. Delegations that submitted credentials in copy or by fax, should submit the originals upon registration and no later than 10 a.m. on 18 September 2004.

7. Representatives may participate in the session pending a decision of the Committee upon their credentials.

8. The Bureau, with the assistance of the secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives and report thereon to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee by 3 p.m.

Item 4: Resolution on the process for inclusion of chemicals in the interim prior informed consent procedure

9. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/2) containing a draft resolution on the process for inclusion of chemicals in the interim prior informed consent procedure.

10. The Committee may wish to consider and, as appropriate, to adopt the draft decision.

Item 5: Implementation of the interim prior informed consent procedure

(a) Presentation of the report of the Interim Chemical Review Committee on the work of its fifth session

11. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/3) presenting to it the report of the Interim Chemical Review Committee on the work of its fifth session.

12. The Committee may wish to take note of the report and to express its appreciation to the Interim Chemical Review Committee.

(b) Inclusion of chemicals in the interim prior informed consent procedure

(i) Parathion

13. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/4) on the inclusion of the chemical parathion (category: pesticide) in the interim prior informed consent procedure and adoption of a draft decision guidance document on parathion.

14. The Committee may wish to make the chemical parathion subject to the interim PIC procedure as defined in paragraph 2 of the resolution on interim arrangements, and to approve the draft decision guidance document.

(ii) Tetraethyl lead and tetramethyl lead

15. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/5) on the inclusion of the chemicals tetraethyl lead and tetramethyl lead (category: industrial) in the interim prior informed consent procedure and adoption of a draft decision guidance document on the two chemicals.

16. The Committee may wish to make the chemicals tetraethyl lead and tetramethyl lead subject to the interim PIC procedure as defined in paragraph 2 of the resolution on interim arrangements, and to approve the draft decision guidance document.

(iii) Chrysotile Asbestos

17. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/6) on the inclusion of the chemical chrysotile asbestos (category: industrial) in the interim prior informed consent procedure and adoption of a draft decision guidance document on chrysotile asbestos.

18. The Committee may wish to make the chemical chrysotile asbestos subject to the interim PIC procedure as defined in paragraph 2 of the resolution on interim arrangements, and to approve the draft decision guidance document.

Item 6: Presentation of the study on technical assistance needs

19. In its decision INC-10/7, the Committee requested the secretariat to conduct a study on the capacity-building and technical assistance needs of countries in relation to the Rotterdam Convention, on the basis of a questionnaire sent to all countries, regional economic integration organizations and participating observers, and further requested the secretariat to provide the results of that study to the intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its eleventh session.

20. The Committee has before it a note by the secretariat (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.11/INF/1) presenting the results of that study.

Item 7: Other matters

21. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by the delegations in the course of the session.

22. The regional groups attending the present session of the Committee may wish to meet some time after the close of the session but prior to the opening meeting of the first session of the Conference of the Parties in order to identify their representatives to the bureau of the Conference of the Parties. Such advance consultations might facilitate the election of officers at the opening meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Item 8: Adoption of the report

23. At its final meeting of the session, the Committee will be invited to consider the process for preparing and adopting the report of the session. It should be noted in this regard that the present session is to be a one-day session.

Item 9: Closure of the session

24. It is expected that the session will be closed by the Chair by 6 p.m. on Saturday, 18 September 2004.