

## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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### COMMUNICATION

#### 2022 SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

During their joint meeting held on 6 May 2022, the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions agreed that online participation will be allowed in the face-to-face segment of the meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 6 to 17 June 2022, taking due considerations of reported cases of COVID-19 travel and venue-related restrictions in some countries.

According to that agreement, online participation will be allowed in the meetings, upon request to the Secretariat by a Party or an observer, in the following two instances:

- Registered delegates of a Party or observer organization face COVID-19 restrictions that prevent any representative<sup>1</sup> of the Party or organization to attend the meetings in person;
- A registered delegate of a Party or observer tests positive for COVID-19 upon departure, arrival or during the COPs and is thus prevented from entering the venue; and he or she is the only delegate from that particular Party or observer present in the meetings<sup>2</sup>.

Requests for online participation falling under the first instance described above need to be communicated to the Secretariat through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Permanent Mission of your country to the United Nations in Geneva, or an official letter from the head of the organization, body or agency in the case of an observer. Such requests should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and no later than **27 May 2022**, for Parties to: [registration@brsmeas.org](mailto:registration@brsmeas.org) and for observers to: [observers@brsmeas.org](mailto:observers@brsmeas.org).

Requests for online participation falling under the second instance should be communicated to the Secretariat by email at: [cop@brsmeas.org](mailto:cop@brsmeas.org) from the concerned delegate providing the requested information / justification.

Delegates falling under either of the two above categories and participating online will have the same status as delegates participating in-person in the meetings.

In addition, the bureaux agreed at their joint meeting that all other meeting participants will be provided with an online access to view the meetings, meaning that only members of their delegation participating in the meetings in person would exercise the right, as appropriate, to seek the floor, make a proposal or a motion, raise a point of order and participate in decision-making.

The report of the meeting of the bureaux can be found [here](#).

Any queries related to the present communication can be addressed to the Secretariat at: [cop@brsmeas.org](mailto:cop@brsmeas.org).

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