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Note by the Secretariat

As is mentioned in the note by the Secretariat on programmes of work and proposed budgets for the biennium 2022–2023: revised combined proposal (UNEP/CHW.15/26/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/22/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/26/Rev.1), the annex to the present note sets out responses from Parties on their views regarding the use of potential savings made owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Responses were provided by Belarus, the European Union, Gambia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uzbekistan. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

* In accordance with decisions BC-15/1, RC-10/2 and SC-10/2 of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the 2021/2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties are being held in two segments: an online segment held from 26 to 30 July 2021 and a face-to-face segment to be held from 6 to 17 June 2022 in Geneva.

Annex

Responses from Parties on their views regarding the use of potential savings made owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Belarus

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the letter dated November 18, 2021 “Consultations with Parties on the allocation of savings made during biennium 2022-2021 owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions”.

I would like to bring to your kind consideration the suggestion of allocation of the above mentioned savings to the preparations of the state reports on implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

In particular, the Republic of Belarus would appreciate it if the Secretariat could support Belarus in the fulfilment of its obligations to provide the report on implementation of the Stockholm convention.

I would be pleased to provide you further explanations on your request.


Kind regards,
Larissa Lukina

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Larissa Lukina (Ms)



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Consultation with Parties on the allocation of savings – Comments from the European Union and its Member States

Dear Mr Payet, Dear Mr Nono Womdim,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18 November 2021, inviting Parties to provide their views on the use of potential savings made owing to the COVID-19 pandemic upfront, by sending their input by 28 February 2022.

Please find the comments of the European Union and its Member States attached to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

JUERGEN HELBIG

(DNA & OCP Rotterdam Convention,
OCP & NFP Stockholm Convention)

Comments of the European Union and its Member States

on the Consultation with Parties on the allocation of savings made during biennium 2020-2021 owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

By a letter of 18 November 2021, the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions invited Parties to provide their views on the use of potential savings made owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, following the adopted decisions BC-15/2, RC-10/3 and SC-10/4 on the interim programmes of work and budgets for the conventions for 2022.

Regarding the savings from the Voluntary Trust Funds (VTF) of the conventions, the European Union and its Member States propose that the Secretariat should contact each contributor to the VTF to consider how to deal with their contribution.

On the savings from the General Trust Funds (GTF) of the conventions, the European Union and its Member States support as a general approach the transfer of the savings to the GTF of each Convention, so that they are available for the next biennium. Indeed, as the information on the final amount of pandemic-related savings will be available in April-May 2022, only one month before the meeting of the COPs, this approach will ensure to have sufficient time to assess how to use these savings and take a decision during the budget negotiation for the next biennium (2024-2025).

In case such savings would need to be allocated for the biennium 2022-2023, the European Union and its Member States suggest that the savings should be used for activities covered by GTF.

The European Union and its Member States may express further views during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in June 2022, after consideration of the information on the actual savings and the proposal from the Secretariat on their allocations.

Gambia

We acknowledged receipt of an invitation from the BRS Secretariat requesting parties to submit suggestions on the use of potential savings made owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to decisions BC-15/2, RC-10/3, and SC-10/4 on the interim programmes of work and budgets for the conventions for 2022.

In light of the above the BRS Focal Points of The Gambia hereby suggest the following;

1. The Secretariat, usually funds three participants from LDCs and LMICs to participate in the face-to-face COP. However, with the savings made, we are suggesting the funding of additional participants from LDCs and LMICs to participate in the COP
2. We are also suggesting for the secretariat to organize capacity-building training programs for Focal Points of the different conventions on negotiation skills during the COPs.
3. We would also like to suggest for the secretariat to invite parties to develop concept notes with activities geared towards strengthening the implementation of the BRS conventions for funding using the savings.

Please feel free to get in touch for any clarification if need be.

Kind Regards

Bai Bittaye

Kenya



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THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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GENEVA – SWITZERLAND

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and has the honour to refer to the latter's communication dated 18th November 2021, seeking proposals on the use of potential savings made owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to decisions BC-15/2, RC-10/3 and SC-10/4 on the interim programs of work and budgets for the conventions for 2022.

In that regard, listed below please find feedback from the Pest Controls Products Board (PCPB) of Kenya, on augmenting financial support for parties to:-

- a) Attend BRS Convention meetings, regional meetings and intersessional workshops;
- b) Establish monitoring systems for highly hazardous pesticides and pesticides listed under the conventions;
- c) Establish robust environmental and health incidence reporting mechanism for highly hazardous pesticides and pesticides listed under the conventions;
- d) Enhance awareness creation programs on listed chemicals under BRS conventions and highly hazardous pesticides;
- e) Receive technical support to:-
 - Enhance import and export responses compliance by parties in developing countries. This could be done through regional seminars or workshops;
 - Conduct risk assessment especially in developing countries that will aid in generating data required when submitting final regulatory decisions on pesticide molecules. This could be done through training of parties and bench-marking visits to the regulatory bodies with best practices in this field;
- f) Augment infrastructure especially computers and software in developing countries as a tool for information gathering during risk assessment and also improve the parties participation in scheduled virtual meetings.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the assurances of its highest consideration.

GENEVA, 2nd February 2022

Secretariat of the Basel,
Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
Geneva

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Mali

Bonjour chers tous,
je vous envoie en pièce jointe la proposition du Mali par rapport aux économies réalisées sur la tenue des COPS suite au COVID-19
Cordialement

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Thème 2 proposé

Renforcement des capacités des points focaux nationaux des Conventions de Bâle, de Stockholm et de Rotterdam en technique de négociation et de conception des projets/programmes relatifs aux Accords Multilatéraux sur l'Environnement liés aux produits chimiques et déchets.

Mexico



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La Misión Permanente de México ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra saluda muy atentamente al Secretariado Conjunto de los Convenios de Basilea, Rotterdam y Estocolmo, y tiene el honor de hacer referencia a las consultas sobre el uso de los ahorros potenciales obtenidos debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, de conformidad con las decisiones BC-15/2, RC-10. / 3 y SC-10/4 sobre los programas de trabajo y presupuestos provisionales de los convenios para 2022.

Sobre el particular, la Misión Permanente informa que la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales y el Instituto Nacional de Ecología y Cambio Climático, ponen a consideración la propuesta de emplear dichos ahorros en algún proyecto regional de creación de capacidades para el cumplimiento de los Convenios. Si los ahorros no fueran suficientes para llevar a cabo un proyecto de esa naturaleza, se sugiere entonces que se utilicen para financiar la participación de los representantes de los países en desarrollo en las Conferencias de las Partes o en las reuniones regionales respectivas.

La Misión Permanente de México ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra aprovecha la oportunidad para reiterar al Secretariado Conjunto de los Convenios de Basilea, Rotterdam y Estocolmo las seguridades de su más alta y distinguida consideración.



Ginebra, Suiza, a 22 de marzo de 2022.

MISION
PERMANENTE DE MEXICO
ANTE LOS ORGANISMOS
INTERNACIONALES CON
SEDE EN GINEBRA,
SUIZA

**Secretariado Conjunto de los Convenios de Basilea,
Rotterdam y Estocolmo.**
Ginebra

Paraguay

Estimados.

Convenios de Basilea, Estocolmo y Rotterdam.

Les saludamos desde el Servicio Nacional de Calidad y Sanidad Vegetal y de Semillas, SENAVE, de Paraguay, en ocasión de responder a la consulta de las secretarías de los Convenios de Rotterdam, Estocolmo y Basilea acerca de la asignación de los ahorros obtenidos durante el bienio 2020-2021, debido a la pandemia de la enfermedad del coronavirus (COVID-19), en el marco de los convenios citados.

Al respecto, el Departamento de Evaluación y Mitigación de Riesgos de Plaguicidas, de la Dirección de Agroquímicos e Insumos Agrícolas del SENAVE, considera oportuno que dichos fondos ahorrados como consecuencia de la citada pandemia "sean utilizados para dar apoyo técnico a los estados miembros" signatarios de estos convenios. El presente aval cuenta con el V.º B.º de la Autoridad Nacional Asignada por la República del Paraguay.

Cordialmente

Idilio Méndez Grimaldi

División de Relaciones Internacionales.

Departamento de Relaciones Públicas Nacionales e Internacionales.

Secretaría de Planificación.

Philippines



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA**

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7 January 2022

Dear Sirs,

I wish to refer to your letter dated 18 November 2021 consulting Parties regarding the allocation of savings made during biennium 2020-2021 owing to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Philippines recommends that the potential savings be considered to be utilized for the Special Programme on Chemicals and Waste Management for COVID-19 waste or marine litter/plastic waste management of member countries. The Philippines recommends allocation of the savings to the Special Programme to support country-driven institutional strengthening at the national level, in the context of an integrated approach to address the financing of sound management of chemicals and wastes, taking into account the national development strategies, plans, and priorities of each country, and to increase sustainable public institutional capacity for the sound management of chemicals and wastes throughout their life cycles.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felipe F. Cariño III', enclosed in a blue oval.

FELIPE F. CARIÑO III
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.

Senegal

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MINISTRE DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
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Dakar, le 28 FEB 2022

DIRECTION DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT
ET DES ETABLISSEMENTS CLASSES

Le Directeur,

Objet : Consultation avec les Parties sur l'allocation des épargnes liés à la pandémie de Covid-19, sur le budget 2020-2021 des Conventions de Bâle, Rotterdam et Stockholm.

Référence : V/L du 18 novembre 2021.

Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif,

J'accuse bonne réception de votre lettre en date du 18 novembre 2021, par laquelle vous nous saisissez en tant Pays Partie aux Conventions de Bâle, de Rotterdam et de Stockholm, sur les restants des fonds alloués aux Conventions au titre du biennal 2020-2021, du fait de la pandémie de Covid-19. Je vous en remercie vivement.

Y donnant suite, nous suggérons que les éventuels fonds épargnés soient utilisés, dans la mesure du possible, pour l'accompagnement des pays sur les aspects relatifs :

- au renforcement des capacités des parties prenantes pertinentes des pays sur les évolutions et travaux dans le cadre des Conventions sur les produits chimiques, à la communication et la sensibilisation sur les dangers des produits chimiques ;
- à l'appui aux Centres Régionaux des Conventions de Bâle et de Stockholm dans la prise en compte des besoins des pays parties aux Conventions, selon les zones géographiques polarisées ;
- à la prise en charges de représentants des pays les moins avancés et les pays à économie en transition, pour une meilleure représentativité aux réunions régionales et internationales.

Vous en souhaitant bonne réception, je vous prie d'agréer, **Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif**, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.

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Monsieur Rolph Payet
Secrétaire Exécutif des Conventions de Bâle,
De Rotterdam et de Stockholm



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26 February 2022

Response of the United Kingdom on the consultation with Parties on the allocation of savings made during biennium 2020-2021 owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Dear Secretariat,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide views on the use of potential savings made during the 2020-2021 biennium under the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. The UK would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to the Secretariat for consulting Parties on the potential future allocation of such savings.

The UK would not support savings re-directed from the necessary activities that were included in the supplementary budget agreed at the online segment of the BRS Conference of the Parties in July 2021, which are now largely scheduled to take place. However, should any additional savings be identified, we believe that these could be usefully put towards activities under the voluntary budget. Specifically, the UK would suggest that the following activities could be prioritised:

- Enabling effective attendance by developing country Parties at future Conferences of the Parties, and meetings of technical subsidiary bodies, particularly where that facilitates the implementation of the Gender Action Plan.
- Support to training and capacity development, particularly where that facilitates the implementation of the Gender Action Plan.
- Potential contribution to supporting Parties to meet obligations in the elimination of the use of polychlorinated biphenyls in equipment and the environmentally sound waste

management of liquids containing polychlorinated biphenyls and equipment contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls.

We would like to thank the Secretariat for compiling Party views on savings, and we look forward to considering the information on final savings, along with the Secretariat's proposal on their allocation, during the face-to-face segment of the meetings in June 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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Uzbekistan

Dear colleagues,

The Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and referring to the Note Verbal of Secretariat dated 18 November 2021, has the honour to inform the following.

The State Committee of Uzbekistan for Ecology and Environmental Protection having considered the **suggestions on the use of savings**, reports the absence of any comments and proposals.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions the assurances of its highest consider.

Best regards,

Berdak,
First Secretary,

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