

RC-7/5: Intersessional work on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the objective of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade provided in Article 1 of the Convention,

1. *Decides* to establish an intersessional working group composed of interested parties and observers to undertake the work described in paragraph 4 of the present decision;

2. *Invites* parties and observers to nominate experts to participate in the intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 31 July 2015;

3. *Invites* parties to consider serving as lead country for undertaking the work of the intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so by 31 July 2015;

4. *Requests* the lead country or, if there is no lead country, the Secretariat to facilitate the intersessional work, underpinned by a workshop subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To review the cases in which the Conference of the Parties was unable to reach consensus on the listing of a chemical by identifying the reasons for and against listing and, based on that and other information such as the information set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/12 and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/13, to develop options for improving the effectiveness of the process;

(b) To develop proposals for enabling improved information flows that support the prior informed consent procedure for those chemicals;

5. *Requests* the intersessional working group to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.