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Implementation of the Convention: status of implementation**

Status of ratification of the Rotterdam Convention as of 15 September 2006

Note by the secretariat

1. The text of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade was adopted at a Conference of Plenipotentiaries on 10 September 1998 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. In accordance with its Article 24, the Convention was opened for signature by all States and regional economic integration organizations in Rotterdam on 11 September 1998 and subsequently at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 September 1998 to 10 September 1999. As of 11 September 1999, the Convention had received 73 signatures. In accordance with its Article 26, the Convention entered into force on 24 February 2004, on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession.
2. According to paragraph 2 of Article 26 of the Convention, “for each State or regional economic integration organization that ratifies, accepts or approves this Convention or accedes thereto after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession”.
3. As of 15 September 2006, 109 States and one regional economic integration organization had ratified, accepted, approved or acceded to the Convention. On the date of the opening of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Convention will have entered into force for 108 Parties,

* UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.3/1.

and will enter into force for one additional Party (the Republic of the Congo) on Wednesday, 11 October 2006.

4. Information on the status of ratification of the Convention is presented in two annexes to the present note. Annex I lists in alphabetical order all Parties to the Convention as of 15 September 2006. Annex II shows the general status of ratification of the Convention. The information presented in the annexes to the present note is based on instruments received by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as Depositary of the Convention, and information published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs. The information provided in annex II is based on that published by the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs without formal editing by the secretariat.

Annex I

Parties to the Convention as of 15 September 2006

1.	Argentina	40.	Gambia	78.	Panama
2.	Armenia	41.	Germany	79.	Paraguay
3.	Australia	42.	Ghana	80.	Peru
4.	Austria	43.	Greece	81.	Philippines*
5.	Belgium	44.	Guinea	82.	Poland
6.	Belize	45.	Hungary	83.	Portugal
7.	Benin	46.	India	84.	Qatar
8.	Bolivia	47.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	85.	Republic of Korea
9.	Brazil	48.	Ireland	86.	Republic of Moldova
10.	Bulgaria	49.	Italy	87.	Romania
11.	Burkina Faso	50.	Jamaica	88.	Rwanda
12.	Burundi	51.	Japan	89.	Samoa
13.	Cameroon	52.	Jordan	90.	Saudi Arabia
14.	Canada	53.	Kenya	91.	Senegal
15.	Cape Verde	54.	Kuwait	92.	Singapore
16.	Chad	55.	Kyrgyzstan	93.	Slovenia
17.	Chile	56.	Latvia	94.	South Africa
18.	China	57.	Liberia	95.	Spain
19.	Congo*	58.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	96.	Sri Lanka
20.	Cook Islands	59.	Liechtenstein	97.	Sudan
21.	Côte d'Ivoire	60.	Lithuania	98.	Suriname
22.	Cyprus	61.	Luxembourg	99.	Sweden
23.	Czech Republic	62.	Madagascar	100.	Switzerland
24.	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	63.	Malaysia	101.	Syrian Arab Republic
25.	Democratic Republic of the Congo	64.	Mali	102.	Thailand
26.	Denmark	65.	Marshall Islands	103.	Togo
27.	Djibouti	66.	Mauritania	104.	Ukraine
28.	Dominica	67.	Mauritius	105.	United Arab Emirates
29.	Dominican Republic	68.	Mexico	106.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
30.	Ecuador	69.	Mongolia		
31.	El Salvador	70.	Namibia	107.	United Republic of Tanzania
32.	Equatorial Guinea	71.	Netherlands		
33.	Eritrea	72.	New Zealand	108.	Uruguay
34.	Estonia	73.	Niger	109.	Venezuela
35.	Ethiopia	74.	Nigeria	110.	Yemen
36.	European Community	75.	Norway		
37.	Finland	76.	Oman		
38.	France	77.	Pakistan*		
39.	Gabon				

* States which have ratified or acceded to the Convention but have not yet become Parties (see annex II to the present note).

Annex II

Status of ratification, acceptance, approval and accession as of 15 September 2006

Status: signatories: 73; Parties: 110¹

Party	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)		Entry into force
Angola	11 Sep 1998			
Argentina	11 Sep 1998	11 Jun 2004		9 Sep 2004
Armenia	11 Sep 1998	26 Nov 2003		24 Feb 2004
Australia	6 Jul 1999	20 May 2004		18 Aug 2004
Austria	11 Sep 1998	27 Aug 2002		24 Feb 2004
Barbados	11 Sep 1998			
Belgium	11 Sep 1998	23 Oct 2002		24 Feb 2004
Belize		20 Apr 2005	a	19 Jul 2005
Benin	11 Sep 1998	5 Jan 2004		4 Apr 2004
Bolivia		18 Dec 2003	a	17 Mar 2004
Brazil	11 Sep 1998	16 Jun 2004		14 Sep 2004
Bulgaria		25 Jul 2000	a	24 Feb 2004
Burkina Faso	11 Sep 1998	11 Nov 2002		24 Feb 2004
Burundi		23 Sep 2004	a	22 Dec 2005
Cameroon	11 Sep 1998	20 May 2002		24 Feb 2004
Canada		26 Aug 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Cape Verde		1 Mar 2006	A	30 May 2006
Chad	11 Sep 1998	10 Mar 2004		8 Jun 2004
Chile	11 Sep 1998	20 Jan 2005		20 Apr 2005
China ⁴	24 Aug 1999	22 Mar 2005		20 Jun 2005
Colombia	11 Sep 1998			
Congo	11 Sep 1998	13 Jul 2006		11 Oct 2006
Cook Islands		29 Jun 2004	a	27 Sep 2004
Costa Rica	17 Aug 1999			
Côte d'Ivoire	11 Sep 1998	20 Jan 2004		19 Apr 2004
Cuba	11 Sep 1998			
Cyprus	11 Sep 1998	17 Dec 2004		17 Mar 2005
Czech Republic	22 Jun 1999	12 Jun 2000		24 Feb 2004
Democratic People's Republic of Korea		6 Feb 2004	a	6 May 2004
Democratic Republic of the Congo	11 Sep 1998	23 Mar 2005		21 Jun 2005
Denmark ⁵	11 Sep 1998	15 Jan 2004		14 Apr 2004
Djibouti		10 Nov 2004	a	10 Feb 2005
Dominica		30 Dec 2005	a	29 Mar 2006
Dominican Republic		23 Mar 2006	a	21 Jun 2006
Ecuador	11 Sep 1998	4 May 2004		2 Aug 2004
El Salvador	16 Feb 1999	8 Sep 1999		24 Feb 2004
Equatorial Guinea		7 Feb 2003	a	24 Feb 2004
Eritrea		10 Mar 2005	a	8 Jun 2005
Estonia		13 Jun 2006	a	11 Sep 2006
Ethiopia		9 Jan 2003	a	24 Feb 2004
European Community	11 Sep 1998	20 Dec 2002	AA	24 Feb 2004
Finland	11 Sep 1998	4 Jun 2004	A	2 Sep 2004
France	11 Sep 1998	17 Feb 2004	AA	17 May 2004
Gabon		18 Dec 2003	a	17 Mar 2004
Gambia		26 Feb 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Germany	11 Sep 1998	11 Jan 2001		24 Feb 2004
Ghana	11 Sep 1998	30 May 2003		24 Feb 2004
Greece	11 Sep 1998	23 Dec 2003		22 Mar 2004
Guinea		7 Sep 2000	a	24 Feb 2004

Party	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)		Entry into force
Guinea-Bissau	10 Sep 1999			
Hungary	10 Sep 1999	31 Oct 2000		24 Feb 2004
India		24 May 2005	a	22 Aug 2005
Indonesia	11 Sep 1998			
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	17 Feb 1999	26 Aug 2004		24 Nov 2004
Ireland		10 Jun 2005	a	8 Sep 2005
Israel	20 May 1999			
Italy	11 Sep 1998	27 Aug 2002		24 Feb 2004
Jamaica		20 Aug 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Japan	31 Aug 1999	15 Jun 2004	A	13 Sep 2004
Jordan		22 Jul 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Kenya	11 Sep 1998	3 Feb 2005		4 May 2005
Kuwait	11 Sep 1998	12 May 2006		26 Aug 2006
Kyrgyzstan	11 Aug 1999	25 May 2000		24 Feb 2004
Latvia		23 Apr 2003	a	24 Feb 2004
Liberia		22 Sep 2004	a	22 Dec 2004
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		9 Jul 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Liechtenstein		18 Jun 2004	a	16 Sep 2004
Lithuania		17 Mar 2004	a	15 Jun 2004
Luxembourg	11 Sep 1998	28 Aug 2002		24 Feb 2004
Madagascar	8 Dec 1998	22 Sep 2004		21 Dec 2004
Malaysia		4 Sep 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Mali	11 Sep 1998	5 Jun 2003		24 Feb 2004
Marshall Islands		27 Jan 2003	a	24 Feb 2004
Mauritania	1 Sep 1999	22 Jul 2005		20 Oct 2005
Mauritius		8 Aug 2005	a	3 Nov 2005
Mongolia	11 Sep 1998	8 Mar 2001		24 Feb 2004
Mexico		4 May 2005	a	2 Aug 2005
Namibia	11 Sep 1998	24 Jun 2005		22 Sep 2005
Netherlands ⁶	11 Sep 1998	20 Apr 2000	A	24 Feb 2004
New Zealand ⁷	11 Sep 1998	23 Sep 2003		24 Feb 2004
Niger		16 Feb 2006	a	7 May 2006
Nigeria		28 Jun 2001	a	24 Feb 2004
Norway	11 Sep 1998	25 Oct 2001	A	24 Feb 2004
Oman		31 Jan. 2000	a	24 Feb 2004
Pakistan	9 Sep 1999	14 July 2005		12 Oct 2005
Panama	11 Sep 1998	18 Aug 2000		24 Feb 2004
Paraguay	11 Sep 1998	18 Aug 2003		24 Feb 2004
Peru	11 Sep 1998	14 Sep 2005		13 Dec 2005
Philippines	11 Sep 1998	31 July 2006		29 Oct 2006
Poland		14 Sep 2005	a	13 Dec 2005
Portugal	11 Sep 1998	16 Feb 2005	AA	17 May 2005
Qatar		10 Dec 2004	a	10 Mar 2005
Republic of Korea	7 Sep 1999	11 Aug 2003		24 Feb 2004
Republic of Moldova		27 Jan 2005	a	27 Apr 2005
Romania		2 Sep 2003	a	24 Feb 2004
Rwanda		7 Jan 2004	a	6 Apr 2004
Saint Lucia	25 Jan 1999			
Samoa		30 May 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Saudi Arabia		7 Sep 2000	a	24 Feb 2004
Senegal	11 Sep 1998	20 Jul 2001		24 Feb 2004
Seychelles	11 Sep 1998			
Singapore		24 May 2005	a	22 Aug 2005
Slovenia	11 Sep 1998	17 Nov 1999		24 Feb 2004
South Africa		4 Sep 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Spain	11 Sep 1998	2 Mar 2004		31 May 2004
Sri Lanka		19 Jan 2006	a	19 April 2006
Sudan		17 Feb 2005	a	18 May 2005
Suriname		30 May 2000	a	24 Feb 2004
Sweden	11 Sep 1998	10 Oct 2003		24 Feb 2004
Switzerland	11 Sep 1998	10 Jan 2002		24 Feb 2004

Party	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance (A), Approval (AA), Accession (a)		Entry into force
Syrian Arab Republic	11 Sep 1998	24 Sep 2003		24 Feb 2004
Tajikistan	28 Sep 1998			
Thailand		19 Feb 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
Togo	9 Sep 1999	23 Jun 2004		21 Sep 2004
Tunisia	11 Sep 1998			
Turkey	11 Sep 1998			
Ukraine		6 Dec 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
United Arab Emirates		10 Sep 2002	a	24 Feb 2004
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	11 Sep 1998	17 Jun 2004		15 Sep 2004
United Republic of Tanzania	11 Sep 1998	26 Aug 2002		24 Feb 2004
United States of America	11 Sep 1998			
Uruguay	11 Sep 1998	4 Mar 2003		24 Feb 2004
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		19 Apr 2005	a	18 Jul 2005
Yemen		4 Feb 2006	a	5 May 2006

Notes

- 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.
- By decision RC-1/11 of 24 September 2004, adopted at its first meeting, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 September 2004, the Conference of the Parties to the above Convention adopted Annex VI, setting out the arbitration procedure for purposes of paragraph 2 (a) of article 20 of the Convention and the conciliation procedure for purposes of paragraph 6 of article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of article 22 of the Convention, any Party that is unable to accept an additional annex shall so notify the Depositary, in writing, within one year from the date of communication of the adoption of the additional annex by the Depositary. The Depositary shall without delay notify all Parties of any such notification received. A Party may at any time withdraw a previous notification of non-acceptance in respect of an additional annex and the annex shall thereupon enter into force for that Party subject to paragraph 3 (c) of the same article. In accordance with paragraph 3 (c), on the expiry of one year from the date of the communication by the Depositary of its adoption, Annex VI shall enter into force for all Parties that have not submitted a notification in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 (b).
- By decision RC-1/3 of 24 September 2004, adopted at its first meeting, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 September 2004, the Conference of the Parties to the above Convention adopted, in accordance with the procedure laid down in article 8 and paragraph 5 of article 22 of the Convention, the amendments to Annex III.

In accordance with paragraph 5 (c) of article 22 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties, in the same decision, decided that "all the amendments shall enter into force on 1 February 2005, except for the amendments made by subparagraph 1 (a) and (b) of the annex to the ... decision, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2006".
- With the following declaration:

"In accordance with the provision of article 138 of the Basic Law of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and article 153 of the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China, the Government of the People's Republic of China decides that the Convention shall apply to the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China; it shall not apply to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China until the Government of China notifies otherwise."
- With a territorial exclusion in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.
- For the Kingdom in Europe.

7. With the following territorial exclusion:

“... consistent with the constitutional status of Tokelau and taking into account the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to the development of self-government for Tokelau through an act of self-determination under the Charter of the United Nations, this ratification shall not extend to Tokelau unless and until a Declaration to this effect is lodged by the Government of New Zealand with the Depository on the basis of appropriate consultation with that territory.”

Declarations and reservations (unless otherwise indicated, the declarations and reservations were made upon ratification, acceptance, approval or accession)

Austria

Declaration:

“The Republic of Austria declares in accordance with Article 20 (2) of the Convention that it accepts both of the means of dispute settlement mentioned in Paragraph 2 as compulsory in relation to any party accepting an obligation concerning one or both of these means of dispute.”

European Community

Declaration:

“The European Community declares that, in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 175 (1) thereof, it is competent to enter into international agreements, and to implement the obligations resulting therefrom, which contribute to the pursuit of the following objectives:

preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment;

protecting human health;

prudent and rational utilisation of natural resources;

promoting measures at international level to deal with regional or worldwide environmental problems.

Moreover, the European Community declares that it has already adopted legal instruments, including a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals, binding on its Member States, covering matters governed by this Convention, and will submit and update, as appropriate, a list of those legal instruments to the Secretariat of the Convention.

The European Community is responsible for the performance of those obligations resulting from the Convention which are covered by Community law in force.

The exercise of Community competence is, by its nature, subject to continuous development.”

Norway

Declaration:

“In accordance with article 20 (2), [Norway declares that], with respect to any dispute concerning the interpretation or application of the Convention, it recognizes (b) Submission of the dispute to the International Court of Justice.”

Republic of Moldova

Declaration:

According to article 20 of the Convention, the Republic of Moldova declares that [it] accepts both means of dispute settlement, mentioned in paragraph 2 of the article, as compulsory in relation to any Party accepting the same obligation.

Syrian Arab Republic

Declaration:

“The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has reviewed the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, which was signed in 1998. Having given it thorough consideration:

It declares that it has already ratified the above-mentioned Convention by virtue of legislative decree No. 35 of 13 July 2003, and that it will fully comply with and respect all its provisions, while confirming that the ratification of this Convention by the Syrian Arab Republic does not in any way constitute a recognition of Israel, and that the provisions of the Convention do not imply that the Syrian Arab Republic has to deal with that State.”

Objections (unless otherwise indicated, the objections were received upon ratification, acceptance, approval, accession or succession)

Israel

With regard to the declaration made by the Syrian Arab Republic upon ratification:

“The Government of the State of Israel has noted that the instrument of ratification of the Syrian Arab Republic to the abovementioned Convention contains a declaration with respect to the State of Israel. The Government of the State of Israel considers that such declaration, which is explicitly of a political nature, is incompatible with the purposes and objectives of the Convention.

The Government of the State of Israel therefore objects to the aforesaid declaration made by the Syrian Arab Republic.”
