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Informed Consent Procedure for Certain
Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in
International Trade
Conference of the Parties
Fourth meeting
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Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting.
2. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Adoption of the agenda;
 - (b) Organization of work.
3. Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties.
4. Report on the credentials of representatives at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
5. Implementation of the Convention:
 - (a) Status of implementation;
 - (b) Confirmation of the appointments of government-designated experts to the Chemical Review Committee;
 - (c) Nomination of Governments to designate experts for the Chemical Review Committee;
 - (d) Report of the Chemical Review Committee on the work of its third and fourth meetings;
 - (e) Consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III of the Convention:
 - (i) Chrysotile asbestos;
 - (ii) Tributyltin compounds;
 - (iii) Endosulfan.

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6. Issues arising out of previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties:
 - (a) Non-compliance;
 - (b) Report on the implementation of decision RC-3/5 on financial mechanisms;
 - (c) National and regional delivery of technical assistance;
 - (d) Cooperation with the World Trade Organization;
 - (e) Further study on the advantages and disadvantages of using the euro, the Swiss franc or the United States dollar as the currency of the accounts and budget of the Convention;
 - (f) Cooperation and coordination between the Rotterdam, Basel and Stockholm Conventions.
 7. Report on the activities of the Secretariat.
 8. Programme of work and consideration of the proposed budget for the biennium 2009–2010.
 9. Venue and date of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
 10. Election of officers for the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
 11. High-level segment.
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