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**Implementation of the Convention: confirmation of the appointments
of government-designated experts to the Chemical Review Committee**

Confirmation of the appointments of government-designated experts for the Chemical Review Committee

Note by the Secretariat

I. Background

1. By decision RC-3/2, the Conference of the Parties identified the following 14 Governments as those that would designate an expert to serve on the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007, pending formal confirmation of the experts by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting:

African States:	Benin, Gabon, Nigeria, South Africa;
Asian and Pacific States:	China, India, Japan, Sri Lanka;
Central and Eastern European States:	Czech Republic;
Latin American and Caribbean States:	Chile, Mexico;
Western European and other States:	Austria, France, Norway.

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2. Each Government was requested to provide through the Secretariat the name and relevant qualifications of its designated expert to Parties by June 2007. The list of experts designated to serve on the Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007, pending formal confirmation by the Conference of the Parties, can be found in section A of annex I to the present note. Contact information and the details of the qualifications of each designated expert, as received by the Secretariat, can be found in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/INF/6.

3. By decision RC-1/6, the Conference of the Parties decided that any vacancy in the Chemical Review Committee arising during the intersessional period should be filled on an interim basis in accordance with such procedure as the region concerned might determine, that the name and relevant qualifications of the new member should be circulated to the Parties through the Secretariat and that the Conference of the Parties should consider confirmation of the appointment at its next meeting.

4. On 28 September 2007, India designated an expert, Mr. Jasbir Singh, to serve on the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007. Mr. Singh served on the Chemical Review Committee at its fourth meeting pending formal confirmation by the Conference of the Parties. The Government of India informed the Secretariat on 2 May 2008 that it had designated a new expert to serve for the remainder of the four-year term, as Mr. Singh was no longer in a position to serve on the Committee. The name of the newly-designated expert can be found in section A of annex I to the present note. Full contact information and the details of the qualifications of both Mr. Singh and his successor are included in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/INF/6.

5. Canada and Jamaica, which designated experts in accordance with decision RC-1/6 to serve on the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2005, have informed the Secretariat that they have designated new experts to serve for the remainder of that period, as the original designated experts are no longer in a position to serve on the Committee. The names of the new experts can be found in section B of annex I to the present note. Contact information and the details of the qualifications of each designated expert, as received by the Secretariat, can be found in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/INF/6.

6. All designated experts have submitted completed declaration of interest forms, as requested by decision RC-1/7.

II. Chair of the Chemical Review Committee

7. In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise, the chair of any subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties.

8. The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties confirmed Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld (Switzerland) as chair of the Chemical Review Committee. As her two-year term expired in September 2007, the Chemical Review Committee at its third meeting (March 2007) agreed that Ms. Hyacinth Chin Sue (Jamaica) would serve as chair of the Committee ad interim, pending confirmation by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting. At the closing of the fourth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (March 2008), Ms. Chin Sue notified the Committee that she would be unable to continue as a member of the Committee. It was agreed that Ms. Karmen Krajnc (Slovenia) would serve, subject to confirmation by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth meeting, as chair of the fifth meeting of Chemical Review Committee, until the expiry of her term in September 2009.

III. Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

9. The Conference of the Parties may wish:

(a) To acknowledge the contributions to the efficient functioning of the Chemical Review Committee of the outgoing experts, and especially Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld, who served as chair of the second and third meetings of the Committee, and Ms. Hyacinth Chin Sue, who served as chair for the fourth meeting;

(b) To review the information on the qualifications of the experts set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/INF/6 and to confirm formally the appointment of each expert, as listed in the draft decision set out in annex II to the present note;

(c) To reaffirm the provisions of decision RC-1/6 with regard to the duration and terms of service of the experts;

(d) To elect Ms. Karmen Krajnc (Slovenia) as the chair of the Chemical Review Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Chemical Review Committee during its fourth meeting.

Annex I

Government-designated experts for the Chemical Review Committee

A. New experts designated to serve for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007 (Countries were identified in decision RC-3/2)

African States

Benin	M. Mansourou Moudachirou Chef du laboratoire de pharmacognosie
Gabon	Mr. Hubert Binga Directeur Général Adjoint Centre National Anti-Pollution
Nigeria	Mr. Idris Adamu Goji Assistant Director Head of Rotterdam Convention Implementation Activities and Industrial Compliance Monitoring Programme Federal Ministry of Environment, Housing & Urban Development
South Africa	Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi Deputy Director Chemicals Management Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT)

Asian and Pacific States

China	Mr. Shan Zhengjun Director Agricultural Chemical Division Nanjing Institute of Environmental Sciences State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA)
India	Mr. Shri Jasbir Singh (served as a designated expert from 1 October 2007 to 1 May 2008) Industrial Adviser Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers Mr. G.K. Pandey (will serve as a designated expert for the remainder of the term commenced by Mr. Singh) Adviser Ministry of Environment and Forests
Japan	Mr. Masayuki Ikeda Kyoto Industrial Health Association
Sri Lanka	Mr. Gamini K. Manuweera Registrar of Pesticides Pesticide Registration Office

Central and Eastern European States

Czech Republic	Ms. Darina Liptakova Senior Expert Department of Environmental Risks and Chemical Safety Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic
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Latin American and Caribbean States

Chile
 Mr. Ignacio Figueroa Cornejo
 Ingeniero Agrónomo
 Subdepartamento de Plaguicidas y Fertilizantes
 División de Protección Agrícola
 Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero (SAG)

Mexico
 Mr. Mario Yarto
 Director
 Research on Chemicals and Ecotoxicological Risks
 National Institute of Ecology-SEMARNAT

Western European and other States

Austria
 Ms. Anja Bartels
 Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety
 Institute for Plant Protection Products Evaluation and
 Authorization
 Department for Environmental Behaviour and
 Ecotoxicology

France
 M. Mario Nichelatti
 Designated National Authority
 PIC Convention and European Regulation on export
 and import of dangerous chemicals
 Ministry for Ecology and Sustainable Development
 and Management
 Risk and Pollution Prevention Division
 Products and Waste Sub-division
 Chemical substances and preparations Bureau

Norway
 Ms. Marit E. Randall
 Executive Officer/Ecotoxicologist
 National Registration Section
 Norwegian Food Safety Authority

B. New experts designated to serve for the remainder of the four-year period commencing on 1 October 2005

Latin American and Caribbean States

Jamaica
 Mr. Michael Frank Ramsay
 Registrar
 Pesticides Control Authority
 Ministry of Health & Environment

Western European and other States

Canada
 Ms. Hang Tang
 Section Head
 Re-evaluation Coordination Section II
 Re-evaluation Management Directorate,
 Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Health Canada

Annex II

Draft decision

Confirmation of the appointments of government-designated experts for the Chemical Review Committee

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision RC-1/6, in which it identified 31 Governments to designate formally a member to the Chemical Review Committee to serve for a period of two or four years respectively from 1 October 2005 and whose designated experts were confirmed by the Conference of the Parties through decision RC-2/1,

Recalling its decision RC-3/2, in which it identified 14 new Parties to designate a new expert to serve on the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007, and, through the Secretariat, provide their names and relevant qualifications by June 2007, and that such experts should serve as members of the Chemical Review Committee on an interim basis, pending formal confirmation of their appointment by the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session.

Acknowledging with thanks the contributions to the efficient functioning of the Chemical Review Committee of the outgoing experts, especially Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld (Switzerland), who served as chair for the second and third meetings of the Committee, and Ms. Hyacinth Chin Sue (Jamaica), who served as chair for the fourth meeting,

1. *Decides* to appoint the following 14 experts formally designated by the Governments identified in decision RC-3/2 to serve as members of the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007:

African States

Benin	M. Mansourou Moudachirou
Gabon	Mr. Hubert Binga
Nigeria	Mr. Idris Adamu Goji
South Africa	Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi

Asian and Pacific States

China	Mr. Shan Zhengjun
India	Mr. Shri Jasbir Singh (served as a designated expert from 1 October 2007 to 1 May 2008) Mr. G. K. Pandey (will serve as a designated expert for the remainder of the term commenced by Mr. Singh)
Japan	Mr. Masayuki Ikeda
Sri Lanka	Mr. Gamini K. Manuweera

Central and Eastern European States

Czech Republic	Ms. Darina Liptakova
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Latin American and Caribbean States

Chile	Mr. Ignacio Figueroa Cornejo
Mexico	Mr. Mario Yarto

Western European and other States

Austria	Ms. Anja Bartels
France	M. Mario Nichelatti
Norway	Ms. Marit E. Randall

2. *Decides* to appoint the following two experts formally designated by the Governments identified in decision RC-1/6, to serve for the remainder of the four-year period commencing on 1 October 2005:

Latin American and Caribbean States

Jamaica

Mr. Michael Frank Ramsay

Western European and other States

Canada

Ms. Hang Tang

3. *Reaffirms* the provisions of decision RC-1/6 with regard to the duration and terms of service of the experts;

4. *Decides* to elect Ms. Karmen Krajnc (Slovenia) as the chair of the Chemical Review Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Chemical Review Committee during its fourth meeting.
