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**Matters related to the implementation of the
Convention: Chemical Review Committee**

Appointments to the Chemical Review Committee

Note by the Secretariat

I. Confirmation of government-designated experts

1. By its decision RC-4/3, the Conference of the Parties identified the following 17 parties as those that would designate an expert to serve on the Chemical Review Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2009, pending the formal confirmation of the experts by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting:

African States:	Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mauritania, Sudan
Asian and Pacific States:	Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Qatar, Yemen
Central and Eastern European States:	Armenia, Poland
Latin American and Caribbean States:	Ecuador, Jamaica, Peru
Western European and other States:	Canada, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain

2. Each party was requested to provide through the Secretariat the name and relevant qualifications of its designated expert to all other parties by May 2009. The list of experts designated to serve on the Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2009, 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.5/INF/4/Rev.1.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.5/1/Rev.1.

3. By its decision RC-1/6, the Conference of the Parties agreed that any vacancy in the 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. France, India, Mexico and Sri Lanka, which designated experts in accordance with decisions RC-1/6 and RC-3/2 to serve on the Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007, informed the Secretariat that they had designated new experts to serve at the Committee's sixth and seventh meetings until October 2011, as the original designated experts were no longer in a position to serve. The names of the new experts can be found in section C 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.5/INF/4/Rev.1.
5. All designated experts have submitted completed declaration of interest forms, as requested by decision RC-1/7.

II. Election of the Chair of the Chemical Review Committee

6. In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, the Chair of the Chemical Review Committee is elected by the Conference of the Parties.
7. At the Committee's fifth meeting, it was agreed that Ms. Marit Randall (Norway) would serve as Chair until the end of the Committee's seventh meeting, pending confirmation by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting.

Possible action by the Conference of the Parties

8. The Conference of the Parties may wish:
 - (a) To review the information on the qualifications of the experts set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.5/INF/4/Rev.1 and to confirm formally the appointment of each expert, as listed in the draft decision set out in annex II to the present note;
 - (b) To elect Ms. Marit Randall (Norway) retroactively as the Chair of the Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Committee at its fifth 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 2009 (as identified in decision RC-4/3)

African States

Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Goné Droh Lanciné Teacher/Researcher Chemist Université Abobo-Adjamé
Kenya	Mr. Peter Opiyo Head Registration and Analysis Department Pest Control Products Board
Mauritania	Mr. Sidi Ould Aloueimine Directeur Direction des Pollutions et des Urgences Environnementales Ministère de l'environnement et développement durable
Sudan	Mr. Azhari Omer Abdelbagi Associate Professor Department of Crop Protection, Faculty of Agriculture University of Khartoum

Asian and Pacific States

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr. Mehdi Ghaemian Head of Public and Common Pest Management Plant Protection Organization Ministry of Jihad-e Agriculture (Mr. Ghaemian replaces Mr. Hesameddin Nasirzadeh)
Pakistan	Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan Director-General Environmental Protection Agency
Qatar	Ms. Hala Sultan Saif Al-Easa Professor of Organic Chemistry Chemistry Department, College of Science University of Qatar
Yemen	Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Abdullah Shamlan Director Plant Protection Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Mr. Shamlan replaces Mr. Shoki Abdulwali A. Al-Dobai)

Central and Eastern European States

Armenia	Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan Head Hazardous Substances and Waste Management Department Ministry of Nature Protection
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Poland	Ms. Magdalena Balicka Senior Specialist Risk Assessment Department Bureau for Chemical Substances and Preparations
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Latin American and Caribbean States

Ecuador	Ms. Jacqueline Arroyo Coordinadora Departamento de Gestión Ambiental Secretaria Nacional del Agua (SENAGUA)
Jamaica	Mr. Michael Frank Ramsay Registrar Pesticides Control Authority Ministry of Health
Peru	Ms. Vilma Morales Quillama Funcionaria Dirección de Ecología y Protección del Ambiente Dirección General de Salud Ambiental (DIGESA)

Western European and other States

Canada	Ms. Hang Tang Section Head, Re-evaluation Coordination Section Re-evaluation Management Directorate Pest Management Regulatory Agency Health Canada
Netherlands	Mr. Jan B. H. J. Linders Senior Scientist and Risk Assessor Expertise Centre for Substances (SEC) National Institute for Public Health and the Environment
New Zealand	Ms. Susan Jane Collier Senior Advisor (Hazardous Substances) Environmental Risk Management Authority New Zealand
Spain	Mr. Jürgen Helbig Policy Officer Directorate General Environment European Commission

B. Previously designated experts continuing to serve for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2007 (as designated by the parties identified in decision RC-3/2)

African States

Benin	Mr. 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 and 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)
Japan	Mr. Masayuki Ikeda Kyoto Industrial Health Association

Central and Eastern European States

Czech Republic	Ms. Darina Liptakova Senior Expert Department of Environmental Risks and Chemical Safety Ministry of Environment
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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)
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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
Norway	Ms. Marit E. Randall Executive Officer/Ecotoxicologist National Registration Section Norwegian Food Safety Authority

C. New experts designated to serve for the remainder of the four-year period commencing on 1 October 2007

Asian and Pacific States

India Mr. Manoranjan Hota
Director
Ministry of Environment and Forests

Sri Lanka Ms. Jeevani Prasadika Marasinghe
Research Officer
Office of the Registrar of Pesticides

Latin American and Caribbean States

Mexico Ms. Leonor Alicia Cedillo Becerril
Directora de Investigación sobre Sustancias Químicas y
Riesgos Ecotoxicológicos
Instituto Nacional de Ecología
INE/Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales
(SEMARNAT)

Western European and other States

France Ms. Mirijam Kristina Brigitta Seng
Scientific Officer
Department of Plant Protection Products
Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety
(BVL)

Annex II

Draft decision on the confirmation of the appointments of government-designated experts to 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, as appropriate, from 1 October 2005,

Recalling also that the experts so designated were confirmed by its decision RC-2/1,

Recalling further its decision RC-4/3, in which it identified 17 new parties to designate a new expert to serve on the Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2009, pending formal confirmation of their appointment by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting, and in which it requested those parties, through the Secretariat, to provide the names and relevant qualifications of its designated expert by May 2009,

Acknowledging with thanks the contributions of the outgoing experts to the Committee's efficient operation,

1. *Decides* to appoint the following 17 experts formally designated by the Governments of those parties identified in decision RC-4/3 to serve as members of the Committee for a period of four years commencing on 1 October 2009:

African States

Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Goné Droh Lanciné
Kenya	Mr. Peter Opiyo
Mauritania	Mr. Sidi Ould Aloueimine
Sudan	Mr. Azhari Omer Abdelbagi

Asian and Pacific States

Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Mr. Hesameddin Nasirzadeh (served as a designated member from October 2009 to February 2011) Mr. Mehdi Ghaemian (will serve as a designated member for the remainder of the term)
Pakistan	Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan
Qatar	Ms. Hala Sultan Saif Al-Easa
Yemen	Mr. Shoki Abdulwali A. Al-Dobai (served as a designated expert from October 2009 to March 2011) Mr. Abdullah Shamlan (will serve as a designated member for the remainder of the term)

Central and Eastern European States

Armenia	Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan
Poland	Ms. Magdalena Balicka

Latin American and Caribbean States

Ecuador	Ms. Jacqueline Arroyo
Jamaica	Mr. Michael Frank Ramsay
Peru	Ms. Vilma Morales Quillama

Western European and other States

Canada	Ms. Hang Tang
Netherlands	Mr. Jan B. H. J. Linders
New Zealand	Ms. Susan Jane Collier
Spain	Mr. Jürgen Helbig

2. *Also decides* to appoint the following four experts formally designated by the Governments of the parties identified in decision RC-3/2 to serve for the remainder of the four-year period commencing on 1 October 2007:

Asian States

India	Mr. Manoranjan Hota
Sri Lanka	Ms. Jeevani Prasadika Marasinghe

Latin American and Caribbean States

Mexico	Ms. Leonor Alicia Cedillo Becerril
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Western European and other States

France	Ms. Mirijam Kristina Brigitta Seng
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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. Marit Randall (Norway) retroactively as the Chair of the Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Committee at its fifth meeting.
