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Certain Hazardous Chemicals and  
Pesticides in International Trade**

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**Chemical Review Committee**

**Sixth meeting**

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Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda\*

**Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of  
notifications and proposed priorities for chemicals  
scheduled for review by the Chemical Review Committee**

**Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of  
final regulatory action for chemicals scheduled for consideration by  
the Chemical Review Committee at its sixth meeting**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its second meeting, the Chemical Review Committee established a procedure for dealing with notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict a chemical. The procedure has been posted on the Convention website and will be available at the Committee's sixth meeting in a compilation of policy guidance and working procedures (document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.6/INF/3).
2. Accordingly, the Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, undertook a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and supporting documentation submitted for the chemicals scheduled for review by the Committee at its sixth meeting. The annex to the present note contains a report from the Bureau on the results of that review. The report includes recommendations on priorities for the work of the Committee, in particular the creation of intersessional task groups. The report has not been formally edited by the Secretariat.

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\* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.6/1.

## Annex

### **PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE CHEMICALS SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE CHEMICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (CRC.6)**

In line with the procedure for the prioritisation of its inter-sessional work and in accordance with the information requirements of Annex I and the criteria set out in Annex II, the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, has undertaken a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action and associated supporting documentation for the five chemicals scheduled for review by the sixth meeting of the CRC. Each chemical has been assigned a priority based on the results of the preliminary review.

In line with the agreed process for drafting decision guidance documents, inter-sessional Task Groups are to be established prior to the session of the Committee. The goal of the preliminary review and priority setting is to help ensure that those notifications that were the subject of preliminary work in Task Groups are those where it appeared that sufficient information was available to determine that the criteria of Annex II had been met. The Committee is obliged to review all of the notifications and supporting documentation.

A tabular summary of the proposed priorities for the evaluation of these chemicals by the CRC may be found in Table 1. The members of the Committee assigned to each Task Group are also listed in this table.

#### **Priority setting among candidate chemicals**

**GROUP 1:** includes chemicals for which there are notifications from two or more PIC regions that appear to meet the requirements of Annex II of the Convention.

There is one chemical in Group 1: azinphos-methyl

**GROUP 2:** includes chemicals for which there is a notifications from only one PIC region that appears to meet the requirements of Annex II of the Convention.

There are three chemicals in Group 2: amitraz, endosulfan and methyl bromide

**GROUP 3:** includes chemicals for which there are no notifications that appear to meet the requirements of Annex II of the Convention.

There is one chemical in Group 3: paraquat

The Bureau recommends that inter-sessional task groups be established. Members of the Committee will lead the inter-sessional Task Groups, undertake an initial review and prepare an analysis as to how the individual notifications and supporting documentation meet or do not meet the criteria of the Convention. The Task Group coordinators will present the findings of the Task Groups to the Committee and lead the discussion on the individual chemicals during the meeting.

Table 1. Summary of the outcome of the preliminary review

CHEMICAL NAME	NOTIFICATIONS	CRITERIA OF ANNEX II	CO-COORDINATORS OF TASK GROUPS
<b>Group 1</b>			
Azinphos methyl	Canada	All criteria met*	<b><u>Hala Al-Easa</u></b> <b><u>Magdalena Balicka</u></b> Marit Randall Jacqueline Arroyo Jeevani Marasinghe Peter Opiyo Gone Droh Lanciné
	Norway	All criteria met	
<b>Group 2</b>			
Endosulfan	New Zealand	All criteria met	<b><u>Mirijam Seng</u></b> <b><u>Ignacio Cornejo</u></b> Susan Jane Collier Hesameddin Nasirzadeh Jan Linders Noluzuko Gwayi Ould Aloueimine
	Malaysia	Not criterion b)	
	Iran	Not criterion b)**	
Amitraz	European Community	All criteria met	<b><u>Azhari Abdelbagi</u></b> <b><u>Masayuki Ikeda</u></b> Juergen Helbig Mario Yarto Mansourou Moudachirou Shan Zhengjun
	Iran	Not criterion b)**	
Methyl bromide	Netherlands	All criteria met***	<b><u>Idris Goji</u></b> <b><u>Hang Tang</u></b> Anahit Aleksandryan Muhammad Khan Darina Liptakova G. K. Pandey
	Malawi	Not criterion b)	
<b>Group 3</b>			
Paraquat	Sweden	Not criterion b)****	<b><u>Anja Bartels</u></b> <b><u>Michael Ramsay</u></b> Shoki Al-Dobai Marit Randall Vilma Morales Hubert Binga

\* Evaluated by CRC.5 and rationale adopted

\*\* Notifications state that the reported final regulatory actions were **NOT** based on a risk or hazard evaluation and as such cannot meet criteria (b) of Annex II. These notifications will be assigned low priority and given little or no detailed consideration by the Committee.

\*\*\* Evaluated by CRC.1 and rationale adopted

\*\*\*\* Notification reviewed by CRC.5 and additional supporting documentation made available to CRC.6. Notification and all supporting documentation are to be reconsidered by CRC.6.