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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed  
Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous  
Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade  
Chemical Review Committee**  
First meeting  
Geneva, 11–18 February 2005

## **Annotated provisional agenda**

### **Item 1. Opening of the meeting**

1. The first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee, to be held at the Varembe Conference Centre, 9 rue de Varembe, Geneva, Switzerland, will be opened at 10 a.m. on Friday, 11 February 2005.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by Mr. Niek van der Graaff, Executive Secretary of the Rotterdam Convention.

### **Item 2. Election of officers**

3. Rule 26 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties, save as provided in rules 28–33, shall apply mutatis mutandis to the proceedings of any subsidiary bodies, subject to any modifications decided by the Conference of the Parties.
4. The Committee may wish, therefore, to elect a bureau composed of a chair and four vice-chairs, one to act as rapporteur, with one representative from each of the regional groups specified in the annex to decision RC 1/6.

### **Item 3. Organizational matters**

#### **(a) Adoption of the agenda**

5. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/1.

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**(b) Organization of work**

6. The meeting will open at 10 a.m. on 11 February 2005. The Committee will need to agree on suitable working hours. The Committee may wish to agree to meet from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., subject to adjustments as appropriate.

7. The Committee will meet on Friday, 11 February and Saturday, 12 February, then from Monday to Friday, 14–18 February, inclusive. No meetings of plenary are scheduled for Sunday, 13 February. It is anticipated that the operational procedures of the Committee and the working procedures and policy guidance forwarded by the Conference of the Parties will be considered during Friday and Saturday, with the candidate chemicals considered during the following week.

**Item 4. Review of the role and mandate of the Chemical Review Committee**

8. The Committee will have before it a note from the secretariat providing a review of the role and mandate of the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/3). This note provides a description of the functions entrusted to the Chemical Review Committee by the Convention, and also a description of the establishment, composition, organization and operation of the Chemical Review Committee.

9. The secretariat has also produced an information document (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/INF/2) describing the operation of the prior informed consent (PIC) procedure under the Rotterdam Convention, including the role of designated national authorities, notifications of final regulatory action under the Convention and the structure and function of decision guidance documents. It is planned that there will be a presentation on the role and mandate of the Chemical Review Committee, and on the operation of the PIC procedure under the Rotterdam Convention, with an emphasis on elements directly related to the work of the Committee. There will be opportunities for discussion of these practical issues during the first few days of the meeting, particularly to ensure a common knowledge base for all experts on these matters.

**Item 5. Review of the outcome of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

10. The Committee will have before it a note from the secretariat that provides a review of the outcome of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties relevant to the work of the Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/4).

**Item 6. Operational procedures for the Chemical Review Committee: working procedures and policy guidance forwarded from the Conference of the Parties**

11. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties agreed to forward the working procedures and policy guidance developed during the interim period by the interim Chemical Review Committee to the Chemical Review Committee for its consideration.

12. For each of these working procedures or elements of policy guidance, the secretariat has prepared a brief cover page and forwarded the document developed by the interim Chemical Review Committee and noted or agreed to by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee.

**(a) Working procedures****(i) Process for drafting decision guidance documents**

13. The Committee may wish to review the process outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/5 and consider adopting it as part of the working procedures for the Committee. It may also wish to request the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting to note the process for drafting decision guidance documents.

**(ii) Working paper on preparing internal proposals and decision guidance documents for banned or severely restricted chemicals**

14. The Committee may wish to review this working paper outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/6 and consider adopting it as part of the working procedures for the Committee.

**(iii) Working paper on preparing internal proposals and decision guidance documents for severely hazardous pesticide formulations**

15. The Committee may wish to review the working paper contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/7 and consider adopting it as part of the working procedures for the Committee.

**(iv) Determination of ongoing trade in chemicals**

16. The Committee may wish to review the process outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/8 and consider adopting it as part of the working procedures for the Committee. It may also wish to forward a request to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting to encourage designated national authorities, and the relevant industry associations, to provide information on the ongoing trade in candidate chemicals when requested by the secretariat.

**(v) Common and recognized patterns of use of severely hazardous pesticide formulations**

17. The Committee may wish to review the process outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/9 and consider adopting it as part of the working procedures for the Committee

**(b) Policy guidance****(i) Preparation and use of focused summaries**

18. The Committee may wish to review the process outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/10 and consider adopting it as part of the policy guidance for the Committee. The Committee may also wish to consider forwarding a request to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting to invite designated national authorities to prepare focused summaries, on a voluntary basis, using the information at their disposal.

**(ii) Bridging information**

19. The Committee may wish to review the process outlined in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/11 and consider adopting it as part of the policy guidance for the Committee.

**(iii) Contaminants**

20. The Committee may wish to note the policy contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/12 and defer detailed discussion of this policy relating to contaminants until the Committee is confronted by such a situation.

**(iv) Risk evaluation in the context of the Rotterdam Convention**

21. The Committee may wish to review the paper contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/13 and consider its adoption as part of the policy guidance for the Committee.

**Item 7. Inclusion of chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention: Review of notifications of final regulatory actions to ban or severely restrict a chemical**

22. In line with the requirements of article 5 of the Convention, the Committee will have before it verified notifications of final regulatory actions for 14 chemicals.

23. For each of these chemicals, the Committee may wish to review the notifications and supporting documentation against the criteria in Annex II and decide whether to make a recommendation to the Conference of the Parties to include the individual chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention and develop an internal proposal for a decision guidance document.

24. As specified in the individual papers on these chemicals, some of the notifications have been previously reviewed by the interim Chemical Review Committee. These notifications are presented for the consideration of the Committee, along with the conclusions of the interim Chemical Review Committee as to whether the chemicals met the requirements of Annex II to the Rotterdam Convention.

**(a) Chlordecone**

25. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing two verified notifications from two PIC regions relating to chlordecone (Europe – Switzerland; and Asia – Thailand) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/14).

26. The supporting information provided by Thailand and Switzerland, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/14/Add.1 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/14/Add.2, respectively.

**(b) Endosulfan**

27. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing four verified notifications from three PIC regions relating to endosulfan (Near East – Jordan; Europe – the Netherlands and Norway; and Africa – Côte d'Ivoire) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/15).

28. The supporting information provided by Jordan, the Netherlands and Norway, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/15/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, respectively.

**(c) Endrin**

29. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing six verified notifications from four PIC regions relating to endrin (Near East – Jordan; Latin America and the Caribbean – Peru; Asia – Japan and Republic of Korea; and Europe – Switzerland and Romania) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/16).

30. The supporting information provided by Jordan, Peru, Japan, Republic of Korea and Switzerland, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/16 Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, Add.4, Add.5 and Add.6, respectively.

**(d) Methamidophos**

31. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing four verified notifications from three PIC regions relating to methamidophos (Africa – Côte d'Ivoire; Asia – Thailand; and Latin America and the Caribbean – Brazil and Panama) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/17).

32. The supporting information provided by Côte d'Ivoire, Thailand, Brazil and Panama, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/17/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, respectively.

**(e) Methyl bromide**

33. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing two verified notifications from two PIC regions relating to methyl bromide (Asia – Republic of Korea; and Europe – Netherlands) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/18).

34. The supporting information provided by the Republic of Korea and the Netherlands, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/18/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively.

**(f) Methyl parathion**

35. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing six verified notifications from four PIC regions relating to methyl parathion (Asia – Japan, Africa – Côte d’Ivoire and the Gambia; Latin America and the Caribbean – Brazil and Panama; and Europe – European Commission) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/19).

36. The supporting information provided by Japan, Côte d’Ivoire, Brazil, European Commission, the Gambia and Panama, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/19/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, Add.4, Add.5 and Add.6, respectively.

**(g) Phosphamidon**

37. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing five notifications from three PIC regions relating to phosphamidon (Asia – Japan and Thailand; Africa – Côte d’Ivoire; and Latin America and the Caribbean – Panama and Brazil) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/20).

38. The supporting information provided by Japan, Côte d’Ivoire, Brazil, Thailand and Panama, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/20/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3, Add.4, and Add.5, respectively.

**(h) 2-naphthylamine**

39. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing two notifications from two PIC regions relating to 2-naphthylamine (Europe – Latvia; and Asia – Republic of Korea) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/21).

40. The supporting information provided by Latvia and the Republic of Korea, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/21/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively.

**(i) 4-aminobiphenyl**

41. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing two notifications from two PIC regions relating to 4-aminobiphenyl (Europe – Latvia; and Asia – Republic of Korea) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/22).

42. The supporting information provided by Latvia and the Republic of Korea, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/22/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively.

**(j) Benzidine**

43. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing four notifications from three PIC regions relating to Benzidine (Europe – Latvia; Near East – Jordan; and Asia – Republic of Korea and India) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/23).

44. The supporting information provided by Latvia, Jordan, India and the Republic of Korea, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/23/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, respectively.

**(k) Bis(chloromethyl)ether**

45. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing two notifications from two PIC regions relating to bis(chloromethyl)ether (North America – Canada; and Asia – Republic of Korea) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/24).

46. The supporting information provided by Canada and the Republic of Korea, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/24/Add.1 and Add.2, respectively.

**(l) Carbon tetrachloride**

47. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing four notifications from three PIC regions relating to carbon tetrachloride (North America – Canada; Asia – Republic of Korea and Thailand; and Europe – Latvia) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/25).

48. The supporting information provided by Canada, the Republic of Korea, Latvia and Thailand, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/25/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, respectively.

**(m) Chrysotile asbestos**

49. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing four notifications from three PIC regions relating to chrysotile asbestos (South West Pacific – Australia; Latin America and the Caribbean – Chile; and Europe – European Community and Latvia) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/26).

50. The supporting information provided by Australia, Chile, the European Community and Latvia, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/26/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Add.4, respectively.

**(n) Tributyl tin compounds**

51. The Committee will have before it a note prepared by the secretariat containing three notifications from two PIC regions relating to tributyl tin compounds (Europe – European Community; and Asia – Republic of Korea and Japan) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/27).

52. The supporting information provided by the European Community, the Republic of Korea and Japan, where available, will be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/27/Add.1, Add.2, and Add.3, respectively.

**Item 8. Other matters**

53. As yet no other matters have been brought to the attention of the secretariat.

**Item 9. Adoption of the report**

54. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on the work of its first meeting, as prepared by the Rapporteur.

**Item 10. Closure of the meeting**

55. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the Chair no later than 6 p.m. on 18 February 2004.

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