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Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade  
Chemical Review Committee**

First meeting

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Item 5 of the provisional agenda\*

**Review of the outcome of the first meeting  
of the Conference of the Parties**

**Outcome of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties**

**Note by the secretariat**

1. The following results of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties are relevant to the first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee.
2. At its first meeting, in decision RC 1/2, the Conference of the Parties established prior informed consent (PIC) regions solely for the purposes of paragraph 5 of article 5 (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.1/33, annex III, paragraph 5). Accordingly, these regions are used by the secretariat in the descriptions of the notifications under consideration by the Committee. For ease of reference, the composition of these regions is provided in the annex to the present note.
3. Decisions RC 1/6 and RC 1/7 of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties established the Chemical Review Committee and set out the rules and procedures for preventing and dealing with conflicts of interest relating to activities of the Committee. The texts of these decisions may be found in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/3 and will be considered under agenda item 4.
4. At the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Committee of the Whole discussed the working procedures and policy guidance which had been developed by the interim Chemical Review Committee. They noted the procedures and requested that the Conference of the Parties refer them to the Chemical Review Committee for its consideration (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.1/33, annex III, paragraph 31). These working procedures and policy guidance are set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/5-13 and will be considered under agenda item 6.

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

## Annex

### Composition of the PIC regions

#### Africa

Algeria  
 Angola  
 Benin \*  
 Botswana  
 Burkina Faso \*  
 Burundi \*  
 Cameroon \*  
 Cape Verde  
 Central African Republic  
 Chad \*  
 Comoros  
 Congo  
 Côte d'Ivoire \*  
 Democratic Republic of the Congo  
 Djibouti \*  
 Egypt  
 Equatorial Guinea \*  
 Eritrea  
 Ethiopia\*  
 Gabon \*  
 Gambia \*  
 Ghana \*  
 Guinea \*  
 Guinea-Bissau  
 Kenya  
 Lesotho  
 Liberia \*  
 Libyan Arab Jamahiriya\*  
 Madagascar \*  
 Malawi  
 Mali \*  
 Mauritania  
 Mauritius  
 Morocco  
 Mozambique  
 Namibia  
 Nigeria \*  
 Niger  
 Rwanda \*  
 Sao Tome and Principe  
 Senegal \*  
 Seychelles  
 Sierra Leone  
 Somalia  
 South Africa \*  
 Sudan  
 Swaziland  
 Togo \*  
 Tunisia  
 Uganda

United Republic of Tanzania \*  
 Zambia  
 Zimbabwe

#### Asia

Bangladesh  
 Bhutan  
 Brunei Darussalam  
 Cambodia  
 China  
 Democratic People's Republic of Korea\*  
 India  
 Indonesia  
 Iran (Islamic Republic of) \*  
 Japan \*  
 Kazakhstan  
 Lao People's Democratic Republic  
 Malaysia \*  
 Maldives  
 Mongolia \*  
 Myanmar  
 Nepal  
 Pakistan  
 Philippines  
 Republic of Korea \*  
 Singapore  
 Sri Lanka  
 Thailand \*  
 Timor-Leste  
 Viet Nam

#### Europe

Albania  
 Andorra  
 Armenia \*  
 Austria \*  
 Azerbaijan  
 Belarus  
 Belgium \*  
 Bosnia and Herzegovina  
 Bulgaria \*  
 Croatia  
 Cyprus  
 Czech Republic \*  
 Denmark \*  
 Estonia  
 Finland \*

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\* Countries for which the Rotterdam Convention entered into force as of 11 March 2005 are indicated with an asterisk.

France \*  
 Georgia  
 Germany \*  
 Greece \*  
 Holy See  
 Hungary \*  
 Iceland  
 Ireland  
 Israel  
 Italy \*  
 Latvia \*  
 Liechtenstein \*  
 Lithuania \*  
 Luxembourg \*  
 Malta  
 Monaco  
 Netherlands \*  
 Norway \*  
 Poland  
 Portugal  
 Republic of Moldova  
 Romania \*  
 Russian Federation  
 San Marino  
 Serbia and Montenegro  
 Slovakia  
 Slovenia \*  
 Spain \*  
 Sweden \*  
 Switzerland \*  
 The former Yugoslav Republic of  
 Macedonia  
 Turkey  
 Ukraine \*  
 United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
 Northern Ireland \*

### **Latin America and the Caribbean**

Antigua and Barbuda  
 Argentina \*  
 Bahamas  
 Barbados  
 Belize  
 Bolivia \*  
 Brazil \*  
 Chile  
 Colombia  
 Costa Rica  
 Cuba  
 Dominica  
 Dominican Republic  
 Ecuador \*  
 El Salvador \*  
 Grenada  
 Guatemala  
 Guyana  
 Haiti

Honduras  
 Jamaica \*  
 Mexico  
 Nicaragua  
 Panama \*  
 Paraguay \*  
 Peru  
 Saint Kitts and Nevis  
 Saint Lucia  
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
 Suriname \*  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 Uruguay \*  
 Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

### **Near East**

Afghanistan  
 Bahrain  
 Iraq  
 Jordan \*  
 Kuwait  
 Kyrgyzstan \*  
 Lebanon  
 Oman \*  
 Qatar  
 Saudi Arabia \*  
 Syrian Arab Republic \*  
 Tajikistan  
 Turkmenistan  
 United Arab Emirates \*  
 Uzbekistan  
 Yemen

### **North America**

Canada \*  
 United States of America

### **South-west Pacific**

Australia \*  
 Cook Islands  
 Fiji  
 Kiribati  
 Marshall Islands \*  
 Micronesia (Federated States of)  
 Nauru  
 New Zealand \*  
 Niue  
 Palau  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Samoa \*  
 Solomon Islands  
 Tonga  
 Tuvalu  
 Vanuatu