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**Operational procedures for the Chemical  
Review Committee: process for a preliminary review of  
notifications and prioritizing work of the Chemical Review Committee**

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

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. At its first meeting, the Chemical Review Committee considered a number of operational procedures relevant to its work and concluded, among other things, that there was a need for measures to promote the efficiency of its intersessional work, including the setting of priorities and deadlines. In that context, the Committee proposed that the secretariat, working with the Bureau, undertake a preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action submitted in accordance with article 5 of the Convention.

2. In accordance with the views expressed by the Committee at its first meeting, the secretariat and the Bureau 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 second 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, including in particular the creation of intersessional task groups. The report is being circulated without formal editing.

\* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/1.

## Annex

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In line with the guidance provided by the first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) regarding prioritisation of its intersessional work, the nine candidate chemicals have been organized into three groups based on a preliminary review of whether the underlying notifications meet the requirements of the Convention. A tabular summary of the proposed priorities for the evaluation of these chemicals by the CRC may be found in Table.1. The proposals for leads among members of the Committee are also listed in this table.

#### **a) Priority setting among candidate chemicals**

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

- For these chemicals the Bureau has recommended that intersessional task groups be established
- Members of the Committee who will chair the intersessional Task Groups and lead the discussion on the individual chemicals in the full Committee have been identified.

**GROUP 2:** Includes chemicals for which there are notification(s) from only one PIC region that appears to meet the requirements of the Convention.

- For these chemicals the Bureau has made two recommendations:
  - i) that a rationale be drafted for those notifications that appear to meet the requirements of the Convention and
  - ii) for the other notifications conclude that they do not appear to meet the requirements of the Convention
- Lead Experts have been identified for each of these chemicals. The Lead Experts will be responsible for undertaking a preliminary review of the notifications and leading the discussion on the individual chemicals. This will include presenting to the Committee an assessment as to whether the individual notifications and supporting documentation meet the requirements of the Convention and as appropriate developing rationales as to how the requirements of the Convention have been met.

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

- For these chemicals the Bureau has determined that these notifications do not appear to meet the requirements of the Convention
- Lead Experts have been identified for each of these chemicals. The Lead Experts will be responsible for undertaking a preliminary review of the notifications and leading the discussion on the individual chemicals. This will include presenting to the Committee an assessment as to whether the individual notifications and supporting documentation meet the requirements of the Convention and as appropriate developing rationales as to how the requirements of the Convention have been met.

Table 1 Summary of the outcome of the preliminary review

CHEMICAL NAME	NOTIFICATIONS	CRITERIA OF ANNEX II	LEAD EXPERTS
<b>Group 1</b>			
alachlor	Canada	all criteria met	Task Group coordinator L. Jurgensen
	Netherlands	all criteria met	
endosulfan	Cote d' Ivoire	not b) iii), c) i) and ii)	Task Group Coordinator S. Impithuksa, M. Nichelati
	Netherlands	all criteria met (ICRC.5/CRC.1)	
	Thailand	all criteria met	
tributyl tin compounds (TBT)	Canada	all criteria met	Task Group Coordinator K. Berend
	EU	all criteria met (ICRC.4/CRC.1)	
<b>Group 2</b>			
cyhexatin	Japan	not b) iii)	S. Hietkamp; N. Sbarbati Nudelman
	Canada	all criteria met	
dicofol	Japan	not b) i) ii) or iii)	K. Choi E. Mashimba
	Netherlands	all criteria met	
	Romania	not b) i) ii) or iii)	
methyl parathion	Bulgaria	not b) i) ii) and iii)	S. Impithuksa; O. A. Soyombo
	Cote d' Ivoire	not b) i), ii) and iii), c) i) and ii)	
	EU	all criteria met (CRC.1)	
	Nigeria	not b) iii)	
	Thailand	not b) iii)	
mirex	Bulgaria	not b) i) ii) and iii)	M. Nyström; O. Sow
	Canada	all criteria met	
	Japan	not b) iii)	
<b>Group 3</b>			
DBCP	Canada	not b) i) ii) iii)	H. B. Mahmud M. J. Hajjar
	Thailand	not b) iii)	
4-nitrobiphenyl	Japan	not b) i) ii) iii)	T. Kōmíves I. Djumaev
	Latvia	not b) iii)	