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Chemical Review Committee**

Third meeting

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Item 5 (a) of the provisional agenda*

**Listing of chemicals in Annex III of the Rotterdam Convention:
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 its preliminary review of notifications of
final regulatory action for chemicals scheduled for consideration
by the Chemical Review Committee at its third meeting**

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its second meeting, the Chemical Review Committee considered a paper that set out a procedure for identifying priorities for the intersessional work of the Committee, based on a preliminary review of the notifications of final regulatory action to ban or severely restrict chemicals submitted in line with Article 5 of the Convention (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/6). As noted in paragraphs 27–31 of the report of the second meeting (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/20), the Committee agreed in general on the procedure set out in the paper, on the understanding that it was a work in progress and would be amended in the light of experience gained.
2. In accordance with the views expressed by the Committee at its second 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 third 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 has not been formally edited by the Secretariat.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.3/1.

Annex

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 third meeting

The second meeting of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) agreed to a procedure for the prioritisation of its intersessional work (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.2/20 paragraphs 27-31). In line with this procedure 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 actions and associated supporting documentation for the five chemicals scheduled for review by the third meeting of the CRC. 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 may recommend that intersessional task groups be established
- Members of the Committee will chair the intersessional Task Groups and lead the discussion on the individual chemicals.

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 may make two recommendations to the CRC:
 - 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
- Members of the Committee will be responsible for 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 may recommend that the CRC conclude that these notifications do not appear to meet the requirements of the Convention
- Members of the Committee will be responsible for 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
Group 1			
endosulfan	European Community	all criteria met	M. Nichelatti L. Juergensen
Group 2			
benzidine	Canada	all criteria met **	L. Juergensen B. Hitzfeld
	Switzerland	not criterion b) iii)	
mirex	Canada	all criteria met *	M. Nystrom S. Impithuksa
	Switzerland	not criterion b) iii)	
	Thailand	not criterion b) iii)	
	Japan	not criterion b) iii)	
Group 3			
endrin	Canada	Not criteria b) i) ii) and iii)	M. Hajjar T. Komives
	Bulgaria	not criteria b) i) ii) and iii)	
methamidophos	Bulgaria	not criteria b) i) ii) and iii)	C. Grisolia R. Soyombo
	Nigeria	not criterion b) iii)	

* evaluated by CRC.2 and rationale prepared

** evaluated by CRC.1 and rationale prepared