



**Basel Convention on the Control of
Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**

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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Ad hoc joint working group on enhancing cooperation and
coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

Second meeting

Vienna, 10–13 December 2007

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Conference of ad hoc joint working group on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, will be held from 10 to 13 December 2007 at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Favoritenstrasse 15a, A-1040 Vienna, Austria. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 10 December 2007.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

2. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to adopt its agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/1.

(b) Organization of work

3. The ad hoc joint working group has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the co-chairs (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/1). The co-chairs will provide an explanation on how they expect the work of group to flow over the course of the meeting.

* UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/1.

4. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to conduct its work in plenary sessions and to establish working groups and drafting groups as it may deem necessary, specifying their mandates.
5. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to decide to meet from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

Item 3: Consideration of the intersessional work undertaken by the members of the ad hoc joint working group and by the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention

6. The ad hoc joint working group will consider the intersessional work undertaken by the members of the ad hoc joint working group and by the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. In doing so the ad hoc joint working group will consider possible areas of cooperation and collaboration clustered according to the following four overarching themes: organizational issues in the field, technical/substantive issues, information management and public awareness issues, and administrative issues.

7. The leads of the intersessional work of the ad hoc joint working group will be invited to introduce the outcomes of their respective work. A list of leads of the intersessional work of the ad hoc joint working group is available in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/1

(a) Organizational issues in the field

8. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on coordination for the national level (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/2) the preparation of which was lead by Brazil. The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

9. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on coordinated use of regional offices, centres (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/4) the preparation of which was lead by Finland and Norway. The Lead s will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

10. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on programmatic cooperation in the field (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/5) the preparation of which was lead by Austria and Finland. The Lead s will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

(b) Technical/substantive issues

11. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on reporting obligations under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/6) prepared by the Secretariats. The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

12. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on the potential for enhancing compliance through cooperation in capacity-building (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/8) the preparation of which was lead by Slovenia. The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

13. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on experiences of the Basel Convention in the development of a compliance mechanism (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/9) prepared by the Basel Convention Secretariat. The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

14. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it also a note by the Secretariats on technical assistance legal services, including development of legislation (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/3). The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group may wish to consider the information contained in the note.

(c) Information management and public awareness issues

15. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on joint outreach and public awareness (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/3) prepared by the Secretariats. The Secretariats will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

16. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on information sharing among technical and scientific panel (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/10) the preparation of which was lead by Germany. The lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

17. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on pooling information on health and environmental impacts/ clearing-house mechanisms (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/11) the preparation of which was lead by France and Austria. The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

18. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on joint input into other processes (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/15) the preparation of which was lead by Austria, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Leads will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

(d) Administrative issues

19. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on back-to-back meetings (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/13) the preparation of which was lead by Austria and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Leads will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

20. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on resource mobilization (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/14) the preparation of which was lead by Slovenia. The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

21. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on financial management and audit functions (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/12) the preparation of which was lead by Slovenia. The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

22. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it a thought starter on general legal service arrangements to explore different levels of coordination including the unification of legal services (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/16). The Lead will be invited to introduce the thought starter. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document and consider possible action with regard to it.

23. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group has before it also notes by the Secretariats on general legal service arrangements (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/2), financial management and audit functions (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/4), resource mobilization (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/5) and a submission Switzerland and Nigeria on administrative structures (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/8). The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group may wish to take note of the information contained in the notes and consider possible action with regard to them.

Item 4: Preparation of joint recommendations on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

24. Based on the discussions under item 3, the Ad Hoc Joint Working Group may wish to initiate the preparation of possible joint recommendations on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the three conventions.

25. The Ad Hoc Joint Working Group may wish to determine the overall process and schedule for completion of its work for consideration at its third meeting. .

Item 5: Venue and date of the third meeting of the ad hoc joint working group

26. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to consider the date and venue of its third meeting, taking into account the need to ensure that recommendations on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the three conventions being forwarded to next meeting of the Conference of the Parties to each convention, must be made available at least six weeks before the commencement of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, which is currently scheduled to take place in Indonesia in June 2008.

Item 6: Other matters

27. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting, including the need for invited resource persons to the last meeting.

Item 7: Adoption of the report

28. At its last session the ad hoc joint working group will be invited to consider and adopt the draft meeting report on its work prepared by the co-chairs.

Item 8: Closure of the meeting

29. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the co-chairs by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 13 December 2007.
