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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**

Third meeting

Rome, 25–28 March 2008

Item 2 of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters**Annotated provisional agenda****Item 1: Opening of the meeting**

1. The third meeting of the ad hoc joint working group on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, will be held from 25-28 March 2008 at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Viale delle terme di Caracalla, 00153 Rome Italy. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 March 2008.

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.3/1.

(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.3/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.

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.

* UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/1.

5. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to decide to meet from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 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 working group and by the Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to collect additional information on specific issues as requested at its second meeting. The review of this information may also serve to identify any outstanding issues that will need to be taken into account in considering the draft recommendations under agenda item 4.

7. The additional information is presented here clustered according to the four overarching themes developed at the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group: organizational issues in the field; technical/substantive issues; information management and public awareness issues; and administrative issues.

(a) Organizational issues in the field

8. The ad hoc joint working group has before it an information note on the experience of national ozone units established and funded by the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol on national coordination including their costs (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/6). The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

(b) Technical/substantive issues

9. The ad hoc joint working group has before it an information provided by the secretariat of the Montreal Protocol on the operation of the Protocol's Implementation Committee (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/3). The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

(c) Information management and public awareness issues

10. There was no additional information requested under this theme by the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group.

(d) Administrative issues

11. The ad hoc joint working group has before it an information note on options for external financing for national coordination and implementation mechanisms to achieve synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, including cost considerations (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/7). The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

12. The ad hoc joint working group has before it an information note on financial management and audit functions which provides further information on why the Basel Convention secretariat had more financial management staff than either the Rotterdam or the Stockholm Convention secretariats and on the provision of audit services by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the three conventions (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/5). The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

13. The ad hoc joint working group has before it an information note which contains information provided by the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on its experience with organizing back-to-back meetings (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/4). The Secretariat will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

14. The ad hoc joint working group has before it a document prepared by the government of Switzerland on how coordinated administrative arrangements might liberate financial resources for the

implementation of the three conventions (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/9). The representative from Switzerland will be invited to introduce the information paper. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to take note of the information contained in the document.

15. The ad hoc joint working group has before it a document prepared by Switzerland and Nigeria on administrative structures (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/8). This document was introduced by the representative of Switzerland at the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group. At the time the ad hoc joint working group agreed that it would consider the document at its third meeting¹. 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.

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

16. Based on the elements and rationales of recommendations developed at the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group the co-chairs have prepared a document containing draft recommendations to the Conferences of the Parties to the three conventions. These draft recommendations have been developed based on the report of the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group in particular the elements and rationales contained in annex I to that document and any written comments submitted by members of the group and others once the meeting report was circulated. A compilation of the comments received on Annex I of the report of the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group is available to the meeting in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/2.

17. The ad hoc joint working group has before it the draft recommendations to the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, prepared by the co-chairs and organized according to the four overarching themes: organizational issues in the field, technical/substantive issues, information management and public awareness issues, and administrative issues (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/2). A compilation of any comments received on these draft recommendations will be made available at the beginning of the meeting (document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.3/INF/9). The co-chairs will introduce the draft recommendations, the associated comments as well as any additional information identified under agenda item 3 as the basis for discussion of these draft recommendations within the ad hoc joint working group.

18. The meeting may wish to establish contact or drafting groups to propose amendments to the draft recommendations for consideration by the ad hoc joint working group in plenary.

Item 5: Process for submission of the joint recommendations to the Conference of the Parties of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

19. Based on the outcome of the discussions under agenda item 4, the ad hoc joint working group may wish to consider the process for submission of the joint recommendations on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the three conventions to the Conferences of the Parties to each convention, in the following sequence: ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to be held 23-28 June 2008, in Bali, Indonesia, fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention to be held 27-31 October 2008 in Rome, Italy and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention to be held 4-8 May 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Item 6: Other matters

20. The ad hoc joint working group may wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

¹ See paragraph 21 of the report of the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group on enhancement of coordination and cooperation among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/18.

Item 7: Adoption of the report

21. 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

22. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 28 March 2008.
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