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Prior Informed Consent Procedure
for Certain Hazardous Chemicals
and Pesticides in International
Trade**

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Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda**

Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The ninth meeting of the Chemical Review Committee will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome, from 22 to 25 October 2013. The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 22 October 2013.
2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee will be invited to adopt its agenda, with any amendments, on the basis of the provisional agenda (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/1).

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee has before it a scenario note for the meeting prepared by the Chair (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/1) and a tentative schedule for the week prepared by the Secretariat (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/2).
5. The Committee may wish to establish contact groups and drafting groups, as deemed necessary, and to specify their mandates.

Item 3

Review of the outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the second simultaneous extraordinary meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions relevant to the work of the Committee

6. The sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the second simultaneous meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam

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** UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/1.

Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants were held in Geneva, from 28 April to 10 May 2013. The outcomes of the meetings relevant to the work of the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/3. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided and consider any further action.

Item 4

Rotation of the membership

7. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the change of Committee members and forthcoming rotation of the membership in May 2014 (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/4). The note also states that the term of office of the Chair of the Committee will expire in May 2014 and, as requested by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention in its decision RC-6/3, the Committee is expected to identify a Chair for its tenth meeting on an interim basis pending formal election by the Conference of the Parties.

Item 5

Technical work

(a) Consideration of the draft decision guidance document for trichlorfon

8. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a draft decision guidance document for trichlorfon prepared by the drafting group established at the Committee's eighth meeting, available in the six official languages of the United Nations (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/3). A tabular summary of comments received under step 4 of the procedure for developing decision guidance documents and how they were addressed is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/5. The Committee may wish to finalize the draft decision guidance document and to forward it, along with its recommendation to list trichlorfon in Annex III to the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.

(b) Report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications and the proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation

9. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat that sets out the report of the Bureau on the preliminary review of notifications of final regulatory action, proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation and relevant supporting documentation (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/2). The report includes recommendations on priorities for the Committee's work, in particular the establishment of task groups. The working procedures and policy guidance for the Committee are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/6. The Committee may wish to consider the results of the preliminary review by the Bureau in the context of the priorities suggested in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/2.

(c) Review of notifications of final regulatory action:

(i) Cyhexatin

10. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing one notification of final regulatory action relating to cyhexatin from each of two prior informed consent (PIC) regions: Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil) and North America (Canada) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/5). At its second meeting, the Committee concluded that the notification from Canada met the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention. The rationale for the Committee's conclusion on the notification from Canada may be found in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/5/Add.1. The supporting documentation provided by Brazil is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/5/Add.2. A summary record of notifications for cyhexatin previously considered by the Committee is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/7. The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/5.

(ii) Lead arsenate

11. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing one notification of final regulatory action relating to lead arsenate from each of two PIC regions: Asia (Japan) and Latin America and the Caribbean (Peru) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/6). The supporting documentation submitted by Japan and Peru is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/6/Add.1 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/6/Add.2, respectively. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/6.

(iii) Lead carbonate

12. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing one notification of final regulatory action relating to lead carbonate from each of two PIC regions: Europe (Latvia) and the Near East (Jordan) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/7). The supporting documentation provided by Jordan is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/7/Add.1. Latvia has not provided any supporting documentation. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/7.

(iv) Methamidophos

13. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing one notification of final regulatory action relating to methamidophos from each of two PIC regions: Latin America and the Caribbean (Brazil) and Europe (the European Union) (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/8). The supporting documentation submitted by Brazil and the European Union is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/8/Add.1 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/8/Add.2, respectively. A summary record of notifications for methamidophos previously considered by the Committee is set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/7. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/8.

(d) Additional information on pentachlorobenzene

14. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing additional information in support of the notification of final regulatory action for pentachlorobenzene submitted by Japan (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/9). The notification of final regulatory action and supporting documentation relating to pentachlorobenzene submitted by Japan at the seventh meeting of the Committee may be found in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.7/9 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.7/9/Add.2, respectively. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/9.

(e) Review of the proposal for the inclusion of fenthion 640 ULV as a severely hazardous pesticide formulation in Annex III

15. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat containing a proposal for a severely hazardous pesticide formulation (fenthion 640 ULV) submitted by Chad (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/4). Additional information on fenthion 640 ULV provided by Chad is available in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/4/Add.1. Relevant information on fenthion 640 ULV collected by the Secretariat, as set out in part 2 of Annex IV to the Rotterdam Convention, is provided in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/4/Add.2. The Committee may wish to review the information provided in the documents and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/4.

Item 6**Report on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee**

16. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on activities for effective participation in the work of the Committee (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/10). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

Item 7**Coordination and collaboration with other scientific subsidiary bodies**

17. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on coordination and collaboration with other scientific subsidiary bodies (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/9). The Committee may wish to take note of the information provided in the note .

18. A joint meeting with the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will be held at the same venue on 20 October 2013. The provisional agenda of the meeting is available on the Rotterdam Convention website (www.pic.int).

Item 8**Dates and venue of the tenth meeting of the Committee**

19. The Committee may wish to consider and reach agreement on the dates and venue of its tenth meeting.

Item 9

Other matters

20. The Committee may wish to consider any other matters raised by its members during the course of the meeting, such as the review and updating of working procedures and policy guidance for the Committee, developed in the light of new experience gained (UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.9/INF/6).

Item 10

Adoption of the report

21. The Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report of the meeting prepared by the rapporteur.

Item 11

Closure of the meeting

22. It is expected that the Chair will close the meeting by 5 p.m. on Friday, 25 October 2013.
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