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Their Disposal  
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**Submission by the European Union and its member States**

**Note by the Secretariat**

The annex to the present note sets out a submission by the European Union and its member States on international cooperation and coordination; review of the synergies arrangements; mainstreaming gender; the clearing house mechanism; synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; from science to action; and draft memorandums of understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and each of the conferences of the Parties. The submission is reproduced as received. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

## Annex

### CONFERENCE ROOM PAPER FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

#### DRAFT DECISIONS ON JOINT ISSUES

The European Union and its Member States have the honour to submit for consideration of the Conferences of the Parties of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions proposals on the draft decisions prepared by the secretariat on several joint issues, namely on international cooperation and coordination, review of the synergies arrangements; mainstreaming gender; the clearing house mechanism; synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; from science to action; and the *Memoranda of Understanding* between the COP and UNEP/FAO.

For ease of reference, the attached proposals have been integrated in the text of the draft decisions prepared by the Secretariat: text deletion proposals appear as "strikethrough"; text addition proposals appear in **bold red**.

The European Union and its Member States would look forward to explaining our proposals and engaging with Parties in plenary or in a contact group on joint issues.

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**DRAFT DECISION ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION**

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/19; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/20; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/24

*The Conference of the Parties*

1. Takes note of the report by the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination;<sup>1</sup> the note by the Secretariat on integrating chemicals and wastes management into the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals;<sup>2</sup> and the information provided by the secretariat of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management on the Strategic Approach and the sound management of chemicals and wastes beyond 2020;<sup>3</sup>

**1 BIS. Welcomes the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and the integration of sound management of chemicals and waste in numerous Sustainable Development Goals of the Agenda.**

2. Emphasizes the important contributions of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to supporting the Parties to those conventions in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and **achieving** its Sustainable Development Goals;

3. Takes note of the methodology for the collection of data relevant to **the indicators** ~~12.4.1~~<sup>4</sup> of the Sustainable Development Goals and requests the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Environment Programme and the secretariats of other chemicals and wastes related-multilateral environmental agreements to ensure a coordinated approach to the implementation of the methodology;

4. Requests the Secretariat to make available to the United Nations Environment Programme information relevant to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda submitted to it by Parties;

5. Also requests the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Statistics Division and other relevant organizations in the development of methodologies for **the indicators** ~~12.4.2~~<sup>5</sup> and ~~12.5.1~~<sup>6</sup> of the Sustainable Development Goals and ~~other relevant indicators~~, as appropriate;

6. Further requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to assist Parties in their efforts to integrate the objectives of the conventions into their national plans and strategies for sustainable development and to report on the implementation of the 2030

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/38-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/27-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/44.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/39-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/28-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/45.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/54-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/42-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/58.

<sup>4</sup> ~~Number of parties to international multilateral environmental agreements on hazardous waste, and other chemicals that meet their commitments and obligations in transmitting information as required by each relevant agreement.~~

<sup>5</sup> ~~Hazardous waste generated per capita and proportion of hazardous waste treated, by type of treatment.~~

<sup>6</sup> ~~National recycling rate, tons of material recycled.~~

Agenda;

7. Welcomes the adoption of resolutions 2/7, 2/11, 2/5, **2/8** and 2/18 by the United Nations Environment Assembly at its second session, invites the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to take into account the work of the conventions in the implementation of those resolutions and requests the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to cooperate with the Executive Director in fostering the implementation of those resolutions;

**7 BIS. Welcomes the resolutions adopted at the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management, including in particular the endorsement of the overall orientation and guidance to meet the 2020 goal, and requests the Secretariat to cooperate with the SAICM Secretariat in this respect and to participate and provide relevant input to the SAICM intersessional process on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020 with a view to achieving a coherent framework.**

8. Requests the Secretariat to continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the secretariat of the Strategic Approach and other international bodies in areas of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including in the areas and with the organizations listed in the report by the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination;<sup>7</sup>

**8bis. Further requests the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.**

<sup>7</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/38-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/27-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/44.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE REVIEW OF THE SYNERGIES ARRANGEMENTS**

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/22; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/21; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/25

<i>The Conference of the Parties,</i>
<i>Mindful</i> of the legal autonomy of, respectively, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,
<i>Reaffirming</i> that actions taken to enhance coordination and cooperation should be aimed at strengthening the implementation of the three conventions at the national, regional and global levels, promoting coherent policy guidance and enhancing efficiency in the provision of support to Parties with a view to reducing their administrative burden and maximizing the effective and efficient use of resources at all levels,
<i>Mindful</i> that several of the follow-up actions to the recommendations presented in the reports on the reviews called for in decisions BC-12/20, RC-7/10 and SC-7/28 <sup>8</sup> are addressed in decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties at their 2017 meetings;
<i>1. Welcomes</i> the report on the further review of the synergies arrangements; <sup>9</sup>
<i>2. Welcomes also</i> the report on the review of the matrix-based management approach and organization <sup>10</sup> undertaken by the Executive Director in consultation with the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<i>3. Welcomes further</i> the report on the review of the proposals set out in the note by the Secretariat on the organization and operation of the part of the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to enhance synergies arrangements; <sup>11</sup>
<i>4. Encourages</i> the Secretariat to implement the follow-up actions relevant to it, subject to the availability of resources, as appropriate. <sup>12</sup>
<b>4 ALT. Requests the Secretariat to continue to seek opportunities for enhanced coordination and cooperation among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in order to ensure policy coherence and enhance efficiency with a view to reducing the administrative burden and maximising the effective and efficient use of resources at all levels,</b>

<sup>8</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/22/Add.1-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/21/Add.1-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/25/Add.1.<sup>9</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/43-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/29-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/46, annex.<sup>10</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/44-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/30-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/47, annex.<sup>11</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/45-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/31-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/48, annex.<sup>12</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/22/Add.1-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/21 Add.1-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/25 Add.1, annex.

**5. Invites Parties to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 June 2018, suggestions on possible further actions to enhance cooperation and coordination among the conventions and within the chemicals and waste cluster and requests the Secretariat to inform the Conference of the Parties about the specific suggestions received in the documents under each relevant agenda item for its next meeting**

**6. Further requests the Secretariat to include information on progress achieved in enhancing cooperation and coordination in the reports on implementation of relevant decisions.**

**DRAFT DECISION ON MAINSTREAMING GENDER**

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/20; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/19; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/19

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality, adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015 in its resolution 70/1, entitled “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Recalling also* United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 2/5 of 27 May 2016, entitled “Delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which among other things stresses the importance of respecting, protecting and promoting gender equality in delivering the environmental dimension of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

1. ~~Takes note of~~ **Welcomes** the Gender Action Plan of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan<sup>13</sup> and ~~welcomes~~ **requests the Secretariat to continue its** the efforts of the Secretariat in respect of gender mainstreaming in its activities, projects and programmes;

2. *Recognizes* that, notwithstanding the efforts of Parties and the Secretariat to promote gender equality, efforts are still needed to ensure that women and men ~~and girls and boys~~ from all Parties are equally involved in the implementation of the three conventions and are represented in their bodies and processes and thus inform and participate in decision-making on gender-responsive hazardous chemicals and wastes policies;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) **in accordance with decisions BC-12/25, RC-7/15 and SC-7/33, to continue** to report on the implementation of the Gender Action Plan to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2019 **and at subsequent meetings**;

(b) To **update** ~~develop~~ for consideration by the **Conferences of the Parties at its next meeting** in 2019 **the Gender Action Plan** ~~a plan of action under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions~~ for mainstreaming gender considerations in **the programme of work, in relation to** all aspects of the work under the conventions and clear indicators for monitoring progress.

<sup>13</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/46-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/32-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/49.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE CLEARING HOUSE MECHANISM**

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/23; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/22; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/26

*The Conference of the Parties,*

Noting the needs recognized in decision SC-8/[ ] on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to Article 9 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, on information exchange,

1. *Takes note of* the progress made in the implementation of the joint clearing house mechanism;

2. ~~Endorses~~ **Further takes note of** the ~~revised~~ joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and invites Parties and others to participate, **as appropriate, in the development of relevant activities** ~~its implementation~~;

3. ~~Approves~~ **Also takes note of** the **Secretariat's** workplan for the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2018–2019;

4. Requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to implement **relevant activities, as included in the programme of work and budget, in development of** the ~~revised~~ joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and the **Secretariat's** workplan for the biennium 2018–2019 referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 above;

**4 BIS. Further requests the Secretariat to ensure that activities undertaken in the development of the clearing house mechanism are cost-effective, proportionate and balanced, in line with the capacity and resources of the Secretariat;**

5. Also requests the Secretariat to continue to enhance cooperation and coordination activities with existing partners in the area of information exchange and to explore possible cooperative activities with new partners as appropriate **as well as to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication with existing or future activities, tools and mechanisms.**

**6. Finally requests the Secretariat to keep the strategy under regular review in order to take into account lessons learnt and relevant developments, such as the multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder discussions on the sound management of chemicals and waste beyond 2020.**

## DRAFT DECISION ON SYNERGIES IN PREVENTING AND COMBATING ILLEGAL TRAFFIC AND TRADE IN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND WASTES

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/24; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/23; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/27

<i>The Conference of the Parties,</i>
<i>Noting</i> the needs recognized in decision SC-8/[ ] on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to strengthening legislation and/or regulations for the implementation and enforcement of the Stockholm Convention; <sup>14</sup>
<b><i>Mindful of decision BC-13/[ ] on national legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic;</i></b>
<b><i>Mindful of decision RC-8/[ ] on exports, export notifications and information exchange;</i></b>
<i>1. Welcomes</i> the analysis on possible synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal; <sup>15</sup>
<i>2. Underlines</i> the importance of adequate legal and institutional frameworks at the national level in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes under the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants <b>and the need to ensure complementarity and consistency and avoiding duplication with the actions in this field of UNEP and other relevant organisations;</b>
<b><i>2 BIS. Urges Parties to strengthen action to combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes; and to cooperate with other Parties where appropriate;</i></b>
<i>3. Encourages Parties to</i> <b><i>Emphasises the importance of the information provided, under each convention, by Parties</i></b> to the Secretariat with the text of national legislation and other measures that they have adopted in order to implement the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and requests the Secretariat to make them available on the website of the conventions <b>while avoiding duplication with related requests under each convention;</b>
<i>4. Also encourages</i> Parties to two or more of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions: (a) To establish, <b>where they do not yet exist,</b> coordinating mechanisms at the national level with a view to facilitating the exchange of information among relevant authorities responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of the chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions <b>and other relevant frameworks;</b> (b) To review, through those coordinating mechanisms, the lessons learned under each

<sup>14</sup> Only applies to the decision to be considered by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention

<sup>15</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/49-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/34-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/51.

convention that could benefit the implementation and enforcement of the others, and **as appropriate** to adjust their legal and institutional frameworks accordingly;

5. *Invites* Parties to share with other Parties, through the Secretariat, **while avoiding duplication:**

(a) Their experiences pursuant to paragraphs ~~2 and 3~~ **4** above;

(b) Information on cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

6. *Invites* the member organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, the Basel Convention and Stockholm Convention regional centres, the International Criminal Police Organization, the World Customs Organization, **the OECD, the Secretariat of the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer, UNEP DTIE** and relevant global and regional enforcement networks to provide the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, with information on their activities aimed at preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes as well as lessons learned from those activities for its consideration at its next meeting;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To seek, subject to the availability of resources, comments from Parties and others on **further** areas, **including areas** common to ~~the two or~~ **three** conventions in which legal clarity could be improved as a means to prevent and combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes and, based on those comments, to prepare a report, including recommendations, for consideration ~~and possible adoption~~ by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting;

(b) To **support** ~~provide~~ Parties, upon request and within available resources, ~~with legal and technical advice~~ on matters pertaining to the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of chemicals and wastes covered under the three conventions, including on the development and updating of national legislation or other measures;

(c) To develop examples of the integration of the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions into national legal frameworks and to organize training activities, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with partners, to assist Parties, particularly developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, in the development of national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the provisions of the conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions;

(d) To present a report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting.

## DRAFT DECISION FROM SCIENCE TO ACTION

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/25; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/24; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/28

*The Conference of the Parties,*

***PRE-1. Emphasises that, through its subsidiary bodies, expert groups and other related mechanisms, including with other partners, the necessary processes are in place to ensure science-based work and decision-making under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and welcomes their work in this respect;***

***PRE-1 BIS. Emphasizes the importance of interaction between scientists and other actors in the policy process to promote exchange, co-evolution and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions;***

*1. Takes note of the Secretariat's draft road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions;<sup>16</sup>*

*2. Encourages Parties and other stakeholders to initiate action that promotes science-based action in the implementation of the conventions at the national level road map;*

*3. Requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to undertake capacity-building and training activities to support Parties and others in taking science-based action in the implementation of the conventions;*

~~*4. Decides to establish a joint intersessional working group on science to action, to revise, working by electronic means, the draft road map based on feedback received during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2017, to initiate the identification of specific work areas and the implementation of initial activities of the road map, such as the development of draft guidance, to monitor progress and to make recommendations to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2019;*~~

***4 ALT. Requests the Secretariat to prepare, by 31 October 2017, a revised draft roadmap focused on further engagement at the national level, avoiding duplication and inconsistencies with existing mechanisms, and taking into account general views expressed by Parties during the meetings of the Conferences of Parties in 2017;***

***4 ALT BIS. Invites Parties and others to submit comments to the revised roadmap by 31 March 2018;***

***4 ALT TER. Requests the Secretariat to further revise the draft roadmap to be presented for consideration of the Conference of Parties at its next meeting;***

~~*5. Invites Parties and others to nominate experts to participate in the joint intersessional working group established in paragraph 4 above and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 15 September 2017;*~~

~~*6. Requests the Secretariat to facilitate and provide expertise to the joint intersessional*~~

<sup>16</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/52, annex I.

~~working group~~, to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant organizations, scientific bodies and stakeholders towards strengthening the science-policy interface and to report to the conferences of the Parties at their meetings in 2019 on the implementation of the present decision.

**DRAFT DECISION ON THE MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COP AND UNEP/FAO**

Documents: UNEP/CHW.13/27; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/26; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/30

**Important note:** the proposals below concerning the draft decision to be considered under the Rotterdam Convention are also proposed, *mutatis mutandis*, for the corresponding decisions under the Basel and Stockholm Conventions (with the exception of draft paragraph 3, which only concerns the Rotterdam Convention draft decision).

*The Conference of the Parties*

Noting the legal autonomy of the Conference of the Parties and noting that the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme and the conferences of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants have equal decision-making authority within their respective mandates;

**PRE-1. Recalls its requests in Decision RC-7/14 (the same for BC-12/24 and SC-7/32) for a draft memorandum of understanding and notes with concern that no draft has been submitted for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties in 2017;**

**PRE-1 Bis. Reiterates its requests, as contained in Decision RC-7/14 (the same for BC-12/24 and SC-7/32) , for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties of a draft memorandum of understanding at its next meeting;**

1. Takes note of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 2/18 on the relationship between the United Nations Environment Programme and multilateral environmental agreements and of the progress report prepared by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme;<sup>17</sup>

2. ~~Notes that further analysis of the subject matter is warranted and~~ requests the Executive Secretary of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to engage actively in the work of the Executive Director, in consultation with the secretariats of other UNEP-administered multilateral environmental agreements, towards the development of a flexible draft template of options for the provision of secretariat services in an appropriate form, taking into account the United Nations Environment Programme delegation of authority policy and framework for the management and administration of multilateral environmental agreement secretariats and the draft memorandums of understanding between the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Executive Director;<sup>18</sup>

**2 BIS. Decides that if UNEP's work is not finalised in time for the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, this should not delay consideration and possible adoption of the draft memorandum of understanding, without prejudice to possible revisions which**

<sup>17</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/56-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/46-UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/59.

<sup>18</sup> UNEP/CHW.12/25, annex; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/19, annex; UNEP/POPS/COP.7/9, annex.

**may need to be introduced subsequently.**

3. *Acknowledges* the continued application of the memorandum of understanding between the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Executive Director concerning arrangements for performing jointly the secretariat functions for the Rotterdam Convention, which was approved by the Conference of the Parties in its decision RC-2/5 and entered into force on 28 November 2005;<sup>19</sup> **which is different from the draft memorandum of understanding requested in RC-7/14 that should be submitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at the next meeting;**

~~4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the Executive Director and taking into account the outcome of the above mentioned process on the development of a flexible draft template of options and the United Nations Environment Programme delegation of authority policy and framework, a proposal for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting~~

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<sup>19</sup> UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/37.