

**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**

Conferences of the parties to
the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Second simultaneous extraordinary meetings

Geneva, 28 April–10 May 2013

Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the
Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

**Revised section IV and annex I of draft omnibus decision
[].Ex-2/[]**

Submission by the budget and synergy contact group

IV

**Enhanced cooperation and coordination between technical
bodies of the three conventions**

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the paper by the chairs of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention and the Chemical Review Committee of the Rotterdam Convention on the potential for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the two committees;¹
2. *Welcomes* the identification of the options for information exchange and improved communication and recommends to accelerate the implementation of joint activities between the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee;
3. *Requests* an alignment of the working arrangements of the Chemical Review Committee with those of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to allow for mutual information sharing and, within available resources, effective participation of experts and observers at committee meetings;
4. *Requests* the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee to discuss and identify further steps to enhance the cooperation and coordination between these two technical bodies, where practical and taking full account of in accordance with their autonomous mandates and terms of reference of the committees, and to develop guidance to assist parties to the Rotterdam Convention and the Chemical Review Committee in their work when a ~~notified~~ chemical under consideration is a persistent organic pollutant listed under the Stockholm Convention;

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

¹ UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/EXCOPS.2/INF/17.

5. ~~Encourages~~ the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to involve experts from the Basel Convention when discussing waste-related issues.

Annex I to decision [].Ex-2/[]

Recommendations as a follow-up to the review of the synergies arrangements

0. General recommendations

(a) ~~A~~ cooperative and coordinated approach among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions [and, as appropriate, to related instruments] should be applied when addressing the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes at all levels in order to strengthen implementation, enhance policy coherence, maximize effectiveness and efficiency of resources and avoid unnecessary duplication.

(b) Priority should be given to the implementation of those joint activities within the synergies work programme that strengthen the effectiveness of the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

(c) Synergies should be enhanced at the national and regional levels, with particular attention to reinforcing cooperation, coordination and rationalization of Stockholm Convention and Basel Convention regional centres, regional offices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and other relevant centres and institutions.

1. Recommendations to parties

(a) To promote the sound management of chemicals and wastes as a contribution to sustainable development.

(b) [To further develop and streamline their cooperation and coordination mechanisms at the national level to improve the management of chemicals and wastes with the aim of reinforcing actions to meet the objectives of the conventions, including efficient and timely sharing of information between relevant competent authorities.]

(c) To continue to support synergies arrangements of the three conventions, including through voluntary contributions.

(d) To enhance cooperation with civil society with a view to mainstreaming and raising awareness regarding the importance of synergistic actions promoting the chemicals and wastes agenda.

(e) [To enhance cooperation with the private sector across the chemicals and waste management sectors, encouraging industry involvement in synergistic activities.]

(f) To enhance coordination and cooperation through joint deliberations, where appropriate, to assist decision-making by the respective conferences of the parties.

(g) To acknowledge that providing assistance to facilitate improved efficiency and implementation of the conventions at the national and regional levels is one of the primary objectives for the use of resources saved in the budgets of the conventions through synergies arrangements.

(h) To continue to work with the secretariats, the Executive Director of UNEP and the Director-General of FAO on the implementation and reviews of the matrix-based management approach and organization and the synergies arrangements.

(i) [To continue to enhance coordination and cooperation among the existing chemicals and waste conventions and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and to explore options for deepening and broadening the coordination and cooperation process.]

2. Recommendations to the Executive Secretary

(a) To continue to promote active participation of parties and other stakeholders and increase their ownership of the process;

(b) To continue to support the further development, deepening and broadening of cooperation and coordination;

(c) To make proposals, on the basis of experience at the current meetings and comments from parties to the bureaux on how to organize the meetings of the conferences of the parties to be held in 2015. The members of the Bureaux should consult widely on this;

(d) To provide the conferences of the parties with clear and detailed information on the impact of the synergies process on implementation, on the organizational and staffing structure of the Secretariat and on financial efficiency gains of the operation for their consideration.

3. Recommendation to the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other institutions and stakeholders

(a) To continue to support the further development, deepening and broadening of the cooperation and coordination.
