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Key themes, issues and highlights

Questions that were discussed;

- Please describe how you approached the issue of import and export control mechanisms under the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions?
- 2 a Please describe the different authorities involved in the trade control measures in relation to hazardous chemicals and wastes in your country.
- 2 b Please describe the information exchange steps required between these authorities to collect information on import and export of hazardous chemicals and wastes in your country.
- 3: Can you provide examples of innovative practical measures and actions that helped you to advance progress on the implementation of the BRS Conventions (with a focus on illegal traffic control measures)?
- 4: What strategic actions should national decision-makers be encouraged to consider and how can that be achieved?
- Question 5: What support would be useful for countries, e.g guidance, capacity building, etc.

Import and export control mechanisms under the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Convention;

- Hazardous chemicals and wastes should have appropriate HS codes, so that customs can recognize them more easily.
- Customs training is needed to raise awareness of hazardous chemicals and wastes and the obligations under the BRS conventions, including the control of road transport.
- More analytical capacity is needed in more than one participating country to provide the information necessary to authorize imports and exports of hazardous chemicals and to consent to tm of hw. Also more staff is needed in the authorizing authorities.
- It is important to put in place strategies to make the authorization procedure more efficient: one window policies, online authorization/consent requests and others.
- More awareness raising is necessary on bonds and insurances for shipments of hw.
- Working with shipment companies is key to raise awareness of imp. and exp. provisions for hazardous chemicals and wastes as well as to give them more responsibilities in the control procedure.