

## BASEL AND ROTTERDAM CONVENTIONS

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### NOTE VERBALE

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to the fifteenth meeting of the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention (Geneva, 14-17 November 2022) and the first meeting of the Compliance Committee to the Rotterdam Convention (Geneva, 16 - 18 November 2022).

The attention of the Permanent Mission is drawn to the provisions of the respective Basel and Rotterdam Conventions related to the designation of country contacts. Pursuant to Article 4 of the Rotterdam Convention and Article 5 of the Basel Convention, Parties shall designate national authorities to the Rotterdam Convention, a focal point and competent authorities to the Basel Convention. For further information on the roles and responsibilities of the designated contacts, a leaflet on the designation of country contacts under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, as well as the form for notification of designation of contacts are attached to the present Note Verbale.

It is noted that Grenada became a Party to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions in January 2022, nonetheless, has yet to designate any of the abovementioned contacts to these Conventions in accordance with its obligations.

Specifically, the fifteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee agreed to encourage the Secretariat, pursuant to paragraph 9(c) of the terms of reference for that Committee, to initiate consultations with Grenada as a Party that has not designated a focal point and competent authority, in light of the possible difficulties faced in complying with the obligations under Article 5. The report of the meeting is available on the Convention website at: <http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ImplementationComplianceCommittee/Meetings/ICC15/Overview/tabid/9240/Default.aspx>

Furthermore, at its first meeting, the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee agreed to initiate its work in relation to specific submissions pursuant to paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention. Paragraph 13 mandates the Committee, in order to assess possible difficulties being faced by Parties in fulfilling their obligations under certain provisions of the Convention, including the designation of national authorities pursuant to Article 4, and upon receipt of information from the Secretariat provided by such Parties, to notify the Party in writing regarding the matter of concern. In this regard, the kind attention of the Permanent Mission is drawn to decision CC-1/1 on specific submissions regarding Party implementation and compliance, a copy of which is attached to the present Note Verbale.

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By this decision, the Committee requested the Secretariat to contact by means of a letter on behalf of the Committee the Parties that have not designated any national authorities pursuant to Article 4(a) of the Convention, communicating with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including through the Permanent Representations of those Parties to the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome and the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and New York. The report of the meeting is available on the Convention website at: <http://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ComplianceCommittee/Meetings/CC1/Overview/tabid/9272/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Consequently, Grenada is hereby invited to designate forthwith and notify its designations to the Secretariat of the necessary contacts to the Basel Convention and Rotterdam Convention, specifically a designated national authority in accordance with Article 4 of the Rotterdam Convention, and a focal point and competent authorities in accordance with Article 5 of the Basel Convention. The Secretariat would appreciate the kind assistance of the Permanent Mission in completing and transmitting the attached form for notification of designation of contacts at your earliest convenience. Should Grenada be facing any difficulties in fulfilling its obligation under the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions, the Secretariat would be grateful to receive further information in that respect for onward transmission to the respective Compliance Committee.

A leaflet on the Procedures and Mechanisms on Implementation and Compliance with the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions is also attached to the present Note Verbale for further information regarding these bodies, including the terms of reference of the former and the text of Annex VII regarding the latter.

Please feel free to contact the Secretariat (Ms. Juliette Kohler, Email: [juliette.kohler@un.org](mailto:juliette.kohler@un.org); Ms. Yvonne Ewang Sanvincenti, Email: [yvonne.ewang-sanvincent@un.org](mailto:yvonne.ewang-sanvincent@un.org)) if you have any questions or need further information and clarification. The kind cooperation and continued commitment of Grenada to the Basel and Rotterdam conventions are much appreciated.

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade avails itself of this opportunity to present to the Permanent Mission of Grenada to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 15 February 2023



Attachments: Decision CC-1/1: Specific submissions regarding Party implementation and compliance.  
Revised form for notification of designation of contact(s)  
cc: Leaflet on Procedures and Mechanisms on Implementation and Compliance with the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions;  
Leaflet on Designation of Country Contacts

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