



Outcomes of the 2017 BRS COPs

*– A future detoxified: sound
management of chemicals and waste –*

Geneva, 24 April - 5 May 2017



Highlights

- The **3rd** joint /back-to-back meetings of BRS COPs
- **160** Parties, more than **1,400** participants
- Adopted **24** BC decisions; **17** RC decisions; and **27** SC decisions
- **85** Parties represented at HLS and produced key messages



Basel COP-13:



- *Adopted 6 Technical Guidelines on POPs wastes* (General, Pesticides, U-POPs, HCBd, PCN, PCP)
- *Adopted “Practical manuals for the promotion of ESM of wastes”*
- *Adopted “Glossary of terms”*
- *Adopted “Guidance on developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal”*



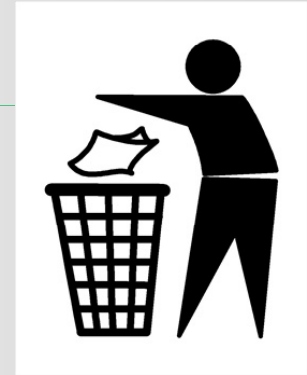
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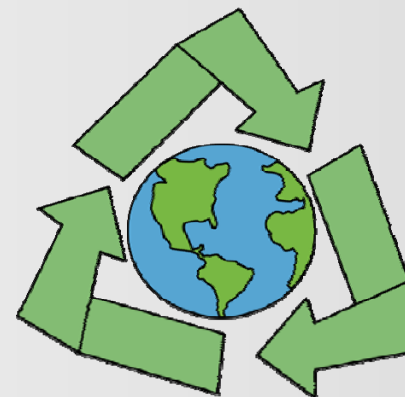
- *Adopted* **“Guidance on the implementation of the Basel Convention provisions dealing with illegal traffic”**
- *Adopted* **“Guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface”**
- *Adopted*, on an interim basis, section 3 of **“Guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment”**
- **Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE)** working group successfully completed its work



Basel COP-13:



- *Adopted* the terms of reference of the **Household Wastes Partnership**
- *Adopted* the work programme of OEWG for 2018-2019, including new work on **marine plastic litter and microplastics** and **waste containing nanomaterials**





Call for nomination!



GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
Expert working group on the e-waste technical guidelines	Nominate 5 experts per region through Bureau	30 June 2017
Expert working group on the review of the Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX	Nominate 10 experts per region through Bureau	15 July 2017
SIWG on the strategic framework	Nominate 2 experts per region through Bureau	31 July 2017
SIWG to update the technical guidelines on POPs wastes and on incineration on land and specially engineered landfill	Express interest in serving as <u>lead country</u> or nominate experts	31 Aug 2017
Working group of the Household Waste Partnership	Indicate interest to become a member	31 Aug 2017



Call for information!



DOCUMENT	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Revised guidance on improving national reporting	Submit comments	30 Sep 2017
Guide for the development of national legal frameworks to implement the Basel Convention	Submit comments	30 Sep 2017
Guidance to improve the implementation of para 11 of Article 6	Submit comments	30 Sep 2017
Review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex I	Submit comments	30 Sep 2017
Information on nanomaterials	Submit information on activities that address waste containing nanomaterials	30 Sep 2017



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DOCUMENT	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Technical guidelines on e-waste	Submit comments	30 Oct 2017
Draft practical manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for ESM	Submit comments	30 Nov 2017
National reporting	Transmit the national reporting for the year 2015	As soon as possible



Rotterdam COP-8:



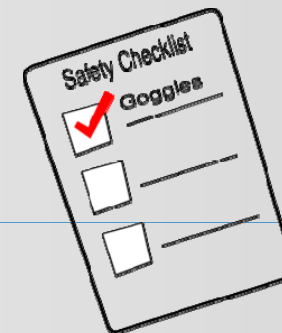
Listed 4 chemicals in Annex III, approved decision guidance documents:

- Carbofuran (pesticide)
- Trichlorfon (pesticide)
- Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (industrial)
- Tributyltin compounds (industrial)

Amendments will enter into force for all Parties on 15 September 2017



Rotterdam COP-8:



***Agreed* that all requirements for listing of chemicals have been met for the following chemicals, deferred decision on listing to COP-9:**

- Carbosulfan (pesticide)
- Fenthion formulations (SHPF)
- Chrysotile asbestos (industrial) (decision RC-3/3)
- Paraquat formulations (SHPF) (decision RC-6/8)



Rotterdam COP-8:



***Established* a working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention to:**

- Identify a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
- Develop a report identifying further steps for consideration by COP-9

***Deferred* the decision on compliance to COP-9**



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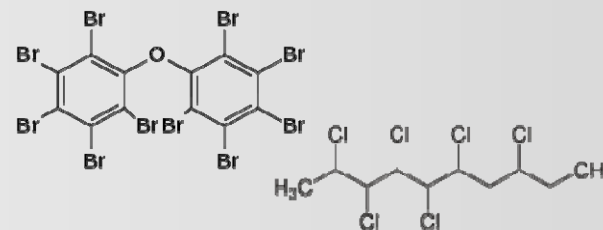


GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
Working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention	Nominate Party representatives (open to Non-Party States)	30 Sep 2017

ONLINE SURVEY	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention	Respond to the survey to be available by 30 June 2017	31 Oct 2017
Implementation of Articles 11, 12 and 14 «export and export notifications and info exchange»	Respond to the survey	T.B.D.
Definitions of term «pesticides»	Respond to the survey	T.B.D.



Stockholm COP-8:



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Listed the following chemicals:

CHEMICAL	ANNEX	SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS
Decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicles (with further specification)• Aircraft and spare parts for aircraft• Textile products• Plastic housings and parts for heating appliances• Polyurethane foam for building insulation
Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additives in the production of transmission belts• Spare parts of rubber conveyor belts• Leather industry• Lubricant additives• Tubes for outdoor decoration bulbs• Waterproofing and fire-retardant paints• Adhesives; Metal processing• Secondary plasticizers in flexible PVC
Hexachlorobutadiene	C	(Unintentional production)



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Stockholm COP-8:



- *Evaluation on the continued need for DDT:* **countries that rely on indoor residual spraying for disease vector control may need DDT for that purpose**
- *Evaluation of the continued need for the specific exemptions for BDEs:* **urged Parties to take determined steps to ensure that BDEs are not introduced into articles, in particular consumer products such as children's toys**
- *Welcomed* **“Consolidated guidance on alternatives to PFOS and its related chemicals”**
- *Welcomed* **“Guidance on BAT/BEP” for PFOS, brominate diphenyl ethers and hexabromocyclododecane**



STOCKHOLM

Stockholm COP-8:



- *Welcomed* **“Report on the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention” and “Second global monitoring report”**
- *Took note* of the **12 priority areas for action to address implementation challenges identified by the effectiveness evaluation committee**
- *Appointed* **17 new POPRC members (2018-2022)**
- *Deferred* **the decision on compliance to COP-9**



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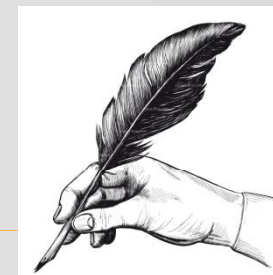


- *Requested* the financial mechanism of the Stockholm Convention to consider the following priority areas:
 - **Alternatives to POPs**
 - **Restriction of DDT production and use**
 - **Elimination of PCB and ESM of PCB waste**
 - **BAT/BEP for unintentional POPs**
 - **Development and strengthening of national legislation and regulations**
 - **NIP update**



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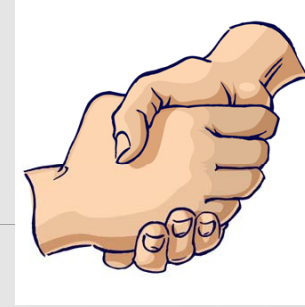


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SIWG on PCB to prepare the report on progress towards the elimination of PCB	Express interest to serve as <u>lead country</u> or nominate experts to participate	30 June 2017
SIWG for the development of the manual for Article 15 national reporting	Express interest to serve as <u>lead country</u> or nominate experts to participate	31 July 2017

DOCUMENT	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Information specified in the workplan of BAT/BEP	Submit information on the identification and quantification of releases and BAT/BEP of POPs and information on the remediation of contaminated sites	31 July 2017
Article 15 national reporting	Submit national reporting	31 Aug 2018



Joint issues:



Technical assistance

- *Welcomed* **Technical Assistance plan for 2018-2021**
- *Emphasized* the role of the **regional centres, UNEP and FAO regional offices and other IOMC organizations** in delivering technical assistance

Synergies in combating illegal traffic and trade

- *Welcomed* 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**
- *Urged* Parties to strengthen action under the conventions, including cooperation with other Parties, **to combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes**



Joint issues:



Enhancing cooperation among the BRS conventions

- *Welcomed* the **reports on synergies reviews**
- *Requested* the Secretariat to **continue to seek opportunities for enhanced coordination and cooperation among the BRS conventions**

International cooperation

- *Requested* the Secretariat to **continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the SAICM secretariat** in areas of relevance to the BRS conventions, as well as with the international organizations and the activities listed in the report by the Secretariat



Joint issues:



Clearing-house mechanism

- *Requested* the Secretariat to start the work to **implement the strategy and workplan**, continue to enhance cooperation with existing partners, and keep the strategy under regular review

From science to action

- *Emphasized* the importance of, and the need to enhance, the **interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors** in the policy process to promote exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions



Joint issues:



Mainstreaming gender

- *Welcomed* the **Secretariat's gender action** plan and requested Secretariat to continue its gender mainstreaming efforts

Programmes of work and budgets

- *Approved* the **budgets of the conventions for 2018-19**
- *Invited* the **Executive Secretary to continue cooperating with the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention** on programmatic matters and to provide any secretariat support that may be requested and is fully funded by the COP to the Minamata Convention



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GROUP	NOMINATION	DEADLINE
Experts to assist the Secretariat in further revising the draft road map for “From Science to Action”	Nominate 4 experts per region, through Bureau	30 June 2017

DOCUMENT	SUBMISSION	DEADLINE
Revised draft road map for “From Science to Action”	Submit comments	20 Feb 2018
Possible further actions to enhance cooperation and coordination among the BRS conventions	Submit suggestions	30 June 2018
Experiences and measures on illegal traffic and trade, comments on further areas in which legal clarity could be improved	Submit information and comments	31 Aug 2018

For more information



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