

## **RC-1/8: Encouragement of the World Customs Organization to assign specific Harmonized System codes to the chemicals listed in Annex III**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* that, in article 13, paragraph 1, the Convention provides that the Conference of the Parties shall encourage the World Customs Organization to assign specific Harmonized System customs codes to the individual chemicals or groups of chemicals listed in Annex III, as appropriate, and that each Party shall require that, whenever a code has been assigned to such a chemical, the shipping document for that chemical bears the code when exported,

*Noting* that more chemicals will be added to Annex III in accordance with the procedures established by the Convention,

*Noting with great appreciation* the work already done by the World Customs Organization and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

1. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention and the World Customs Organization;
  2. *Encourages* the World Customs Organization to assign specific Harmonized System customs codes to the individual chemicals or groups of chemicals listed in Annex III, as appropriate;
  3. *Reminds* each Party of its obligation under article 13, paragraph 1, of the Convention to require that, whenever a code has been assigned to such a chemical, the shipping document for that chemical bears the code when exported;
  4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue to work with the secretariat of the World Customs Organization.
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