

RC-11/5: Compliance Committee

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the work undertaken by the Compliance Committee since the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade,

I

Specific submissions

1. *Invites* Parties that believe that, despite their best efforts, they are, or will be, unable to comply with certain obligations under the Rotterdam Convention to consider making submissions to the Compliance Committee pursuant to paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to organize awareness-raising activities aimed at improving understanding among Parties of the Committee, its objectives and mandate, including in conjunction with any technical assistance activity, as appropriate;

II

Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention

3. *Notes* that 24 Parties have transmitted to the Secretariat the texts of national legislation or other measures that they have adopted to implement and enforce the Convention, in spite of decisions RC-7/1 and RC-10/4 encouraging Parties to do so, and that the number of Parties transmitting such texts to the Secretariat may be indicative of a systemic issue of general compliance with the various obligations under the Convention to adopt and implement appropriate legislative or administrative measures;
4. *Requests* Parties to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation or other measures that they have adopted to implement and enforce the Convention, specifically those texts related to paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 5 and Article 10 of the Convention;

III

Notifications of final regulatory action

5. *Encourages* Parties to provide the Compliance Committee with information by submitting responses to its questionnaire for the identification of issues faced by Parties in relation to notifications of final regulatory action;¹

IV

Enhanced coordination with the Committee administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention

6. *Notes* the importance for members of the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee of gaining expertise through practice and experience;
7. *Invites* Parties to put forward, if possible, at the eleventh and twelfth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, candidates for election to the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee who have experience with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal or other implementation and compliance bodies of multilateral environmental agreements;

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/CC.1/4/Rev.1.

V

Programme of work for the biennium 2024–2025

8. *Approves* the programme of work of the Committee for the biennium 2024–2025 set out in the annex to the present decision;

9. *Requests* the Committee:

(a) To consult Parties, in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on a draft programme of work for the biennium 2026–2027;

(b) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions, in accordance with paragraph 26 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention;

VI

Election of members of the Committee

10. *Elects*, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Annex VII, the following members of the Committee until the closure of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

African States:

Hamadjoda (Cameroon)

Asia-Pacific States:

Ibrahim Alboshi (Saudi Arabia)

Eastern European States:

Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia)

Karmen Krajnc (Slovenia)

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Helges Bandeira (Brazil)

Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia)

Western European and other States:

Karoliina Anttonen (Finland)

Helen Roberts (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Annex to decision RC-11/5

Programme of work for the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2024–2025

I. Review of systemic issues of general compliance under the Convention

<i>Systemic issue of general compliance to be addressed</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention (Article 15 (1) and other provisions)	<p>Monitor, based on information from Parties, the laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures adopted to implement the Rotterdam Convention;</p> <p>Based on information from Parties, identify and review, difficulties relating to laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention;</p> <p>Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to improve the laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention.</p>
Notification of final regulatory actions (Article 5)	<p>Based on information from Parties, including from a questionnaire circulated to Parties, identify and review issues being faced by Parties in relation to the notification of final regulatory actions, including a quantitative and qualitative analysis, and in particular with regard to the information requirements set out in Annex I to the Convention;</p> <p>Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support Parties with the notification of final regulatory actions.</p>
Exports and imports of chemicals listed in Annex III (Articles 10 and 11)	<p>Based on information from Parties that have yet to transmit any import responses for the chemicals listed in Annex III, review challenges faced by importing Parties in submitting import responses;</p> <p>Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support importing Parties in submitting import responses;</p> <p>Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses.</p>
Export notifications (Article 12)	<p>Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by Parties in relation to the provision of export notifications and the acknowledgement of receipt thereof.</p>
Information exchange (Article 14)	<p>Undertake further work to identify options to improve information sharing with Parties, as well as analyse use thereof by Parties and other stakeholders;</p> <p>Based on information from Parties, consider options to encourage and facilitate the exchange of experiences, in particular between developing countries, on the implementation of the Convention and develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on options to encourage and facilitate such information exchange, in particular between developing countries, on the implementation of the Convention. Such an activity could also take into account, as appropriate, related activities such as work under the</p>

<i>Systemic issue of general compliance to be addressed</i>	<i>Activity</i>
	dissemination strategy for obtaining and using information to effectively address obligations and procedures under the Rotterdam Convention, so as to avoid duplication of effort and build on existing or planned activities.
Information submission: improve timely and complete submission of information pursuant to the provisions of the Convention	Monitor developments related to the integration by Parties of their information submission needs in actions to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, in particular interlinkages with and the relation to the Rotterdam Convention.
Enhanced cooperation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention	Enhance cooperation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention to facilitate compliance through the exchange of views and information between the committees on activities, operations and processes of joint interest, including, as appropriate, joint sessions at meetings of the committees, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

II. Specific submissions regarding Party compliance

1. The Committee shall continue to accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding Party compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention.
2. The Committee shall explore lessons from implementation and compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements that could inform the initiation of the work of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Convention.