

RC-3/8: Cooperation and coordination between the Rotterdam, Basel and Stockholm Conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision SC-2/15 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and noting that the President of the Conference at that meeting was requested, in consultation and cooperation with the Presidents and the secretariats of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Rotterdam Convention, to ensure the preparation of a supplementary report on cooperation and coordination among the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention, and recalling further that such a report was subsequently prepared,¹

Agreeing with the call for improved cooperation and coordination between the Rotterdam Convention, the Basel Convention and the Stockholm Convention,

Mindful of the recent adoption of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the ongoing reform process in the United Nations,

Believing that the issue of improved cooperation and coordination should be subject to a process that is efficient, transparent and inclusive and recognizes the autonomy of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions,

Having considered the terms of decision SC-2/15,

1. *Agrees* to participate in the process specified in decision SC-2/15, including the establishment of an ad hoc joint working group, and encourages the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention to do the same at its eighth meeting, acknowledging that it is highly desirable that all three conventions be fully involved in the process in order to ensure further improved cooperation and coordination;
2. *Notes* that the ad hoc joint working group will make joint recommendations to the Conferences of the Parties of all three conventions, including the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its fourth meeting;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to invite Parties and observers to the Convention to submit their views on the supplementary report through the secretariat to the ad hoc joint working group by 31 January 2007;
4. *Decides* to nominate, through the Bureau, three representatives of Parties from each of the five United Nations regions by 31 January 2007 to participate in the ad hoc joint working group of the three Conventions;
5. *Recognizes* the need to make resources available from the operational budget for 2007–2008 to support the participation of representatives of the Rotterdam Convention from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the meetings of the ad hoc joint working group.

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.3/INF/18.