

RC-6/3: Operation of the Chemical Review Committee

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the report of the Chemical Review Committee on the work of its eighth meeting¹ and in the note by the Secretariat;²
2. *Also takes note* of decision CRC-8/3 on trichlorfon and the workplan for the preparation of the draft decision guidance document;
3. *Further takes note* of the decision of the bureaux of the Chemical Review Committee and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee to hold the meetings of the two committees back to back during the two-week period between 14 and 25 October 2013, as well as the suggestion that a joint session of no more than one day for scientific information exchange be held during that period;
4. *Decides* to undertake an evaluation of the experiences of the benefits gained of the back-to-back meetings between the two committees;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to collect such information and report to the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its seventh meeting;
6. *Appoints* the 14 designated experts to serve as members of the Committee;³
7. *Extends* the terms of office of the current 17 members of the Committee from 30 September 2013 until 30 April 2014 and those of the other 14 members of the Committee from 30 September 2015 until 30 April 2016;
8. *Decides* that future terms of office will commence on 1 May of a given even-numbered year and end on 30 April four years later;
9. *Adopts* the list of 17 parties to nominate Committee members for terms of office commencing on 1 May 2014 as set out in the annex to the present decision;
10. *Decides* to request the Chemical Review Committee at its ninth meeting to identify an interim Chair of the Committee for its tenth meeting, and decides to confirm the election of the Chair at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention;
11. *Notes* the holding of an orientation workshop for the effective participation of new members in the work of the Chemical Review Committee, and requests the Secretariat to continue to organize such workshops for Committee members and to report on the results of that activity to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
12. *Invites* parties and others in a position to do so to contribute to the work of the Committee and to provide financial support for the organization of the orientation workshop;
13. *Takes note* of the pocket guide for effective participation in the Chemical Review Committee,⁴ and recommends that parties make use of it;
14. *Adopts* the amendment to the process for drafting decision guidance documents and accompanying explanatory notes⁵ as proposed in paragraph 24 of the note by the Secretariat⁶.

Annex to decision RC-6/3

List of parties identified by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting to nominate Chemical Review Committee members whose terms of office commence on 1 May 2014

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.8/12.

² UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/6.

³ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/INF/3/Rev.1.

⁴ www.pic.int/tabid/1060/Default.aspx.

⁵ Decision RC-2/2.

⁶ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.6/6.

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