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**Technical work: review of notifications of final regulatory  
action: paraquat and paraquat dichloride**

## **Draft decision CRC-20/[--]: Paraquat<sup>1</sup>**

### **Submission by the Secretariat**

*The Chemical Review Committee,*

*Recalling* Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade,

1. *Concludes* that the notifications of final regulatory action for paraquat submitted by Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal and Togo<sup>2</sup> meet the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention;
2. *Adopts* the rationale for the Committee's conclusion set out in the annex to the present decision;
3. *Recalls* its decision CRC-18/4, whereby it recommended, on the basis of notifications of final regulatory actions for paraquat submitted by Malaysia and Mozambique, that the Conference of the Parties list paraquat in Annex III to the Convention as a pesticide, and its decision CRC-19/2, whereby it adopted the draft decision guidance document for that chemical and decided to forward it to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration;
4. *Decides* that, as the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting will consider the recommendation by the Committee in its decision CRC-18/4 and the draft decision guidance document adopted by the Committee in its decision CRC-19/2, consequently the Committee will at present take no further action on the additional notifications submitted by Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal and Togo.

### **Annex to decision CRC-20/[--]**

**Rationale for the conclusion by the Chemical Review Committee that the notifications of final regulatory action submitted by Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal and Togo in respect of paraquat in the pesticide category meet the criteria of Annex II to the Rotterdam Convention**

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<sup>1</sup> The draft decision is presented as submitted by the Secretariat, without formal editing.

<sup>2</sup> See UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.20/16.