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Date:

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ROME, ITALY

**RE: PROPOSAL FOR A SEVERELY HAZARDOUS PESTICIDE
FORMULATION UNDER THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION FROM
BURKINA FASO**

Reference is made to your call for information on the use of paraquat as a severely hazardous formulation for which we hereby respond as follows:-

- a) **The physico-chemical, toxicological and ecotoxicological properties of the formulation;**
This information is supplied by the respective manufacturers and is classified as confidential.
- b) **The existence of handling or applicator restrictions in other States;**
The applicators applying the products must adorn appropriate personal protective equipments and observe all safety precautions.
- c) **Information on incidents related to the formulation in other States;**
There are no reported incidents related to the products.
- d) **Information submitted by other Parties, international organizations, non-governmental organizations or other relevant sources, whether national or international;**
We are not aware of any such information submitted to us.
- e) **Risk and/or hazard evaluations, where available;**
These evaluations are not available.

f) Indications, if available, of the extent of use of the formulation, such as the number of registrations or production or sales quantity;

We currently have two formulations registered for use in Kenya. Both contain 200g/L and exist as soluble concentrate formulation type. The basic manufacturers are Syngenta UK Ltd and Vapco Ltd, Japan. There is no production of the products in Kenya. 103,880 litres and 124,245 litres were imported in the years 2009 & 2010 respectively.

g) Other formulations of the pesticide in question, and incidents, if any, relating to these formulations;

There are no other formulations registered for use in Kenya.

h) Alternative pest-control practices;

There exist alternative pest control practices.

i) Other information which the Chemical Review Committee may identify as relevant;

Mitigation measures adopted are inclusion of embittering agents, emetic substances and prominent colouration in the formulations as safety measure against accidental ingestion. Appropriate warning including symbols are included on the product labels.

Thank you.



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