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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR AN  
INTERNATIONAL LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENT FOR  
THE APPLICATION OF THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT  
PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND  
PESTICIDES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Sixth session

Rome, 12-16 July 1999

Item 2 (a) of the provisional agenda\*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the session

1. The sixth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an Internationally Legally Binding Instrument for the Application of the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, to be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome, will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 12 July 1999.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by:

(a) Mr. David Harcharik, Deputy Director-General of FAO; and

(b) Mr. Shafqat Kakakhel, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of the agenda

3. The Committee may wish to adopt its agenda on the basis of the provisional agenda as contained in document UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/1/Rev.1.

(b) Organization of work

4. The Committee may wish to decide that it meets from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. every day from 12 to 16 July 1999, subject to adjustment as necessary.

Item 3: Activities of the Secretariat and review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

5. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on activities of the Secretariat in the interim period and review of the situation as regards the trust fund (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/3).

6. The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented in the Secretariat's note and:

(a) Make recommendations on the activities of the Secretariat and the proposed allocation of funds; and

(b) Decide on the mobilization of extrabudgetary funds during the interim period.

Item 4: Implementation of the interim Prior Informed Consent procedure

(a) Definition and provisional adoption of the PIC regions

7. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on definition and provisional adoption of the PIC regions (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/5).

8. The Committee may wish to consider the composition of the PIC regions and, as appropriate, adopt a decision on PIC regions, on an interim basis, pending its formal adoption by the Conference of Parties to the Convention at its first meeting.

(b) Establishment of an Interim Chemical Review Committee

9. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on the establishment of an Interim Chemical Review Committee (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/4).

10. The Committee may wish to consider the information presented in the note by the Secretariat and, as appropriate, establish an Interim Chemical Review Committee .

(c) Adoption of decision guidance documents for already identified chemicals

11. The Committee has before it a note by the Secretariat on adoption of decision guidance documents for already identified chemicals (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/6).

12. The Committee may wish to consider the information presented in the note by the Secretariat and, as appropriate, adopt decision guidance documents for the six already identified chemicals, thereby making them subject to the interim PIC procedure.

(d) Inclusion of chemicals in the interim PIC procedure

13. In paragraph 8 of its resolution on interim arrangements (UNEP/FAO/PIC/CONF/5, annex I, resolution 1), the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention decided that the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee shall decide, between the date on which the Convention is opened for signature and the date of its entry into force, on the inclusion of any additional chemicals under the interim PIC procedure in accordance with the provisions of Articles 5, 6, 7 and 22 of the Convention. At the time of the preparation of the present paper, however, no additional chemicals require such a decision.

Item 5: Preparation for the Conference of the Parties

14. Before addressing matters of substance, the Conference of the Parties will be required to make appropriate decisions on institutional, procedural and legal matters relating to the conduct of its work. The Committee may wish to consider how to proceed with these items and provide appropriate guidance to the Secretariat.

(a) Decisions required at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties

15. The Committee has before it a note from the Secretariat on the work programme for the interim period (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/2). Chapter II, section A, of that note contains information on decisions required at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

16. The Committee may wish to consider these issues and invite the Secretariat to draft appropriate papers for consideration at its seventh session.

(b) Functions of the Conference of the Parties where the Committee may wish to take action

17. Chapter II, section B, of the above-mentioned note by the Secretariat on the work programme for the interim period provides background information on functions of the Conference of the Parties in respect of which the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee may wish to take action.

18. The Committee may wish to consider the issues set forth in the note by the Secretariat.

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(c) Other functions of the Conference of the Parties

19. Chapter II, section C, of the note by the Secretariat contains information on issues related to other functions of the Conference of the Parties.

20. The Committee may wish to consider these issues.

Item 6: Issues arising out of the Conference of Plenipotentiaries

(a) Support for implementation

21. Chapter III, section A, of the note by the Secretariat on the work programme for the interim period, contains information on the issue of support for implementation.

22. The Committee may wish to consider the concerns expressed by the group of African countries and other delegations, as reflected in paragraph 31 of the note by the Secretariat.

(b) Dispute settlement, illicit trafficking and responsibility and liability

23. Chapter III, section B, of the note by the Secretariat on the work programme for the interim period contains information on the issues of dispute settlement, illicit trafficking and responsibility and liability.

24. The Committee may wish to consider the concerns raised in this regard.

(c) Location of the Secretariat

25. Chapter III, section C, of the note by the Secretariat on the work programme for the interim period contains information on the issue of the location of the Secretariat.

26. The Committee may wish to consider the issues involved and invite the Secretariat to draft appropriate papers for consideration at its seventh session.

Item 7: Status of signature and ratification of the Convention

27. The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of signature and ratification of the Convention (UNEP/FAO/PIC/INC.6/INF/1).

28. The Committee may wish to take note of the information presented and to call upon States and upon regional economic integration organizations entitled to do so, to consider signing and ratifying, accepting or approving the Convention, if they have not yet done so, with a view to bringing it into force as soon as possible.

Item 8: Other matters

29. The Committee may wish to consider other matters raised by delegations in the course of the session.

Item 9: Adoption of the report

30. At the final meeting of the session, the Committee will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on the work of the sixth session as prepared by the Rapporteur.

31. The final report on the work of the session, as adopted by the Committee, will be subsequently circulated as document UNEP/PIC/PIC/INC.6/7.

Item 10: Closure of the session

32. It is expected that the session will be closed by the Chair by 6 p.m. on 16 July 1999.

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