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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

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT PROCEDURE:  
DEFINITION AND PROVISIONAL ADOPTION OF THE PIC REGIONS

Note by the secretariat

INTRODUCTION

1. Article 5, paragraph 5, of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade provides that the composition of the prior informed consent (PIC) regions shall be defined in a decision to be adopted by consensus at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. In the resolution on interim arrangements adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade on 11 September 1998, the Conference invited the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop, based on the system followed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - the FAO regions, the decision referred to in paragraph 5 of Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention, and to adopt this decision on an interim basis, pending its formal adoption at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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3. The list of FAO member States by region for the purpose of elections to the FAO Council is given in annex I to the present note. Regional economic integration organizations that are members of FAO (currently only the European Community) do not appear in this listing, as their member States exercise the voting rights for these elections.

4. States that are not FAO members are listed in annex II.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

5. The Committee is invited to consider the composition of the PIC regions and, as appropriate, adopt a decision on PIC regions, in accordance with paragraph 5 of the resolution on interim arrangements, on an interim basis, pending its formal adoption at the first meeting of the Conference of Parties. In accordance with article 5, paragraph 5, of the Convention, the formal decision on the composition of PIC regions is to be adopted by consensus,

Annex IMEMBERS OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS (BY REGION)

## AFRICA

Algeria	Liberia
Angola	Madagascar
Benin	Malawi
Botswana	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Mauritius
Cameroon	Morocco
Cape Verde	Mozambique
Central African Republic	Namibia
Chad	Niger
Comoros	Nigeria
Congo	Rwanda
Côte d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Senegal
Equatorial Guinea	Seychelles
Eritrea	Sierra Leone
Ethiopia	South Africa
Gabon	Swaziland
Gambia	Togo
Ghana	Tunisia
Guinea	Uganda
Guinea-Bissau	United Republic of Tanzania
Kenya	Zambia
Lesotho	Zimbabwe

## ASIA

Bangladesh	Malaysia
Bhutan	Maldives
Cambodia	Mongolia
China	Myanmar
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Nepal
India	Pakistan
Indonesia	Philippines
Japan	Republic of Korea
Kazakhstan	Sri Lanka
Laos	Thailand
	Viet Nam

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## EUROPE\*

Albania	Latvia
Armenia	Lithuania
Austria	Luxembourg
Azerbaijan	Malta
Belgium	Netherlands
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Bulgaria	Poland
Croatia	Portugal
Cyprus	Romania
Czech Republic	Republic of Moldova
Denmark	Slovakia
Estonia	Slovenia
Finland	Spain
France	Sweden
Georgia	Switzerland
Germany	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Greece	Turkey
Hungary	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Iceland	Yugoslavia
Ireland	
Israel	
Italy	

\* The European Community is not included as, under rule XLIV, paragraph 2, of the General Rules of the Organization, member organizations shall not participate in voting for elections to the Council.

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana
Argentina	Haiti
Bahamas	Honduras
Barbados	Jamaica
Belize	Mexico
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Chile	Paraguay
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cuba	Saint Lucia
Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dominican Republic	Suriname
Ecuador	Trinidad and Tobago
El Salvador	Uruguay
Grenada	Venezuela
Guatemala	

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## NEAR EAST

Afghanistan	Oman
Bahrain	Qatar
Djibouti	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	Somalia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Sudan
Iraq	Syrian Arab Republic
Jordan	Tajikistan
Kuwait	Turkmenistan
Kyrgyzstan	United Arab Emirates
Lebanon	Yemen
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	

## NORTH AMERICA

Canada  
United States of America

## SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Australia	Samoa
Cook Islands	Solomon Islands
Fiji	Tonga
New Zealand	Vanuatu
Papua New Guinea	

Annex II

STATES THAT ARE NOT FAO MEMBERS

Andorra	Nauru
Belarus	Palau
Brunei Darussalam	Russian Federation
Holy See	San Marino
Kiribati	Singapore
Liechtenstein	Tuvalu
Marshall Islands	Ukraine
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Uzbekistan
Monaco	

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