

VIII/8: Cooperation and coordination between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision SC-2/15 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and noting that the President of the Conference at that meeting was requested, in consultation and cooperation with the Presidents and the secretariats of the Basel Convention and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, to ensure the preparation of a supplementary report on cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, and recalling further that such a report was subsequently prepared,¹

Recalling also decision RC-3/8 adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its third meeting on cooperation and coordination between the Rotterdam, Basel and Stockholm Conventions,²

Agreeing with the call for improved cooperation and coordination between the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions,

Mindful of the recent adoption of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the ongoing reform process in the United Nations,

Believing that the issue of improved cooperation and coordination should be subject to a process that is efficient, transparent and inclusive and recognizes the autonomy of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions,

Having considered the terms of decision SC-2/15,

1. *Agrees* to participate in the process specified in decision SC-2/15, including the establishment of an ad hoc joint working group, acknowledging that it is highly desirable that all three conventions be fully involved in the process in order to ensure further improved cooperation and coordination;

2. *Notes* that the ad hoc joint working group will make joint recommendations to the conferences of the Parties of all three conventions, including the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its ninth meeting;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to invite Parties and observers to the Convention to submit their views on the supplementary report through the secretariat to the ad hoc joint working group by 31 January 2007;

4. *Decides* to nominate, through the Bureau, three representatives of Parties from each of the five United Nations regions by 31 January 2007 to participate in the ad hoc joint working group of the three Conventions;

5. *Invites* Parties and others to make contributions to the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention in order to ensure the participation of representatives of the Basel Convention from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the meetings of the ad hoc joint working group.

1 UNEP/CHW.8/INF/31.

2 UNEP/CHW.8/INF/11.