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The Conference of the Parties

- 1. *Takes note* of the information provided in the reports of the Chemical Review Committee on the work of its thirteenth and fourteenth meetings;¹
- 2. *Recalls* the need for Parties to take into account, when nominating experts, the responsibilities and qualifications, in accordance with the terms of reference of the Chemical Review Committee, and the commitment required of Committee members;
- 3. *Confirms* the appointments of Mr. Dinesh Runiwal (India) to replace Mr. Manoj Kumar Gangeya and Mr. Simon Hoy (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) to replace Ms. Johanna Pelthola-Thies as members of the Committee to serve for the remainder of Mr. Gangeya's and Ms. Pelthola-Thies's terms, until 30 April 2020;
- 4. Also confirms the appointments of Mr. Martin Lacroix (Canada) to replace Mr. Jeffery Goodman, Ms. Gloria Judith Venegas Calderón (Ecuador) to replace Ms. Cristina Salgado, Ms. Kristīne Kazerovska (Latvia) to replace Ms. Līga Rubene, Mr. Muhammad Shakeel Malik (Pakistan) to replace Mr. Iftikhar-ul-Hassan Shah Gilani, and Ms. Agnieszka Jankowska (Poland) to replace Ms. Dorota Wiaderna as members of the Committee to serve for the remainder of Mr. Goodman's, Ms. Salgado's, Ms. Rubene's, Mr. Gilani's and Ms. Wiaderna's terms, until 30 April 2022;
- 5. Appoints the 14 designated experts listed in the annex to the present decision to serve as members of the Committee, with terms of office from 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2024;²
 - 6. Elects Ms. Noluzuko Gwayi (South Africa) as the Chair of the Committee;
- 7. Welcomes the orientation workshop conducted by the Secretariat for new members, and requests the Secretariat to establish and implement training activities within the framework of the technical assistance plan, subject to the availability of resources, for new and existing members, considering different delivery techniques and information channels, inter alia, workshops and e-learning tools, and to report on their results to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting;
- 8. *Also welcomes* the Secretariat's recommendations in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/18 for improving participation, openness and transparency in the Chemical Review Committee process;
- 9. Requests the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting on progress with respect to the recommendations for improving participation, openness and transparency in the Chemical Review Committee process, as contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/18, with particular attention to actions that increase the participation of experts, Parties and observers;
- 10. Also requests the Secretariat to translate, subject to the availability of resources, the Pocket Guide for Effective Participation in the Chemical Review Committee under the Rotterdam Convention and the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee.

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.13/19 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/10.

² The curricula vitae of these experts are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/4/Rev.1.

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Members of the Chemical Review Committee appointed by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting for terms of office beginning on 1 May 2020

African States

Ms. Aïta Sarr Seck (Senegal)

Mr. Clorence Matewe (Zimbabwe)

Mr. Youssef Zidi (Tunisia)

Mr. Daniel William Ndiyo (United Republic of Tanzania)

Asia-Pacific States

Ms. Yenny Meliana (Indonesia)

Mr. Hassan Azhar (Maldives)

Mr. Jayakody A. Sumith (Sri Lanka)

Mr. Dinesh Runiwal (India)

Central and Eastern European States

Ms. Anahit Aleksandryan (Armenia)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Ms. Eliana Rosa Munarriz (Argentina)

Mr. Jonah Ormond (Antigua and Barbuda)

Western European and other States

Mr. Juergen Helbig (Austria)

Ms. Mara Curaba (Belgium)

Ms. Sarah Maillefer (Switzerland)