

RC-1/2: Composition of the PIC regions

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting that paragraph 5 of article 5 of the Convention provides that the composition of the PIC regions shall be defined in a decision to be adopted by consensus at the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

Noting decision INC-6/1, in which the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee adopted interim PIC regions for the purpose of the implementation of the interim arrangements for the *application* of the PIC procedure, pending the formal adoption, by consensus, of a listing of countries by PIC regions by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting,

Noting the options for consideration proposed by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its ninth session regarding the composition of the PIC regions,

Taking into consideration the geographical distribution of Parties to the Convention at the present time,

Considering that the seven interim PIC regions set forth in INC-6/1 have met the needs of the interim PIC procedure,

Considering that an approach based on the regions used during the interim PIC procedure will both build on the progress achieved under the interim PIC procedure and facilitate the transition to the PIC procedure under the Convention,

Decides to adopt the regions and listing of countries contained in the annex to the present decision, as the PIC regions only for the purposes of paragraph 5 of article 5 of the Convention.

Annex

PIC regions¹

Africa

Algeria
Angola
Benin *
Botswana
Burkina Faso *
Burundi
Cameroon *
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad *
Comoros
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire *
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea *
Eritrea

Ethiopia*
Gabon *
Gambia *
Ghana *
Guinea *
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya*
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali *
Mauritania
Mauritius
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia

¹ Countries for which the Rotterdam Convention entered into force as of 21 September 2004 are indicated with an asterisk.

Nigeria *
Niger
Rwanda *
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal *
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa *

Sudan
Swaziland
Togo *
Tunisia
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania *
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Asia

Bangladesh
Bhutan
Brunei Darussalam
Cambodia
China
Democratic People's Republic of Korea*
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Japan *
Kazakhstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Malaysia *

Maldives
Mongolia *
Myanmar
Nepal
Pakistan
Philippines
Republic of Korea *
Singapore
Sri Lanka
Thailand *
Timor-Leste
Viet Nam

Europe

Albania
Andorra
Armenia *
Austria *
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Belgium *
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria *
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic *
Denmark *
Estonia
Finland *
France *
Georgia
Germany *
Greece *
Holy See
Hungary *
Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy *
Latvia *

Liechtenstein *
Lithuania *
Luxembourg *
Malta
Monaco
Netherlands *
Norway *
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Moldova
Romania *
Russian Federation
San Marino
Serbia and Montenegro
Slovakia
Slovenia *
Spain *
Sweden *
Switzerland *
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Turkey
Ukraine *
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland *

Latin America and the Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina *

Bahamas
Barbados

Belize
 Bolivia *
 Brazil *
 Chile
 Colombia
 Costa Rica
 Cuba
 Dominica
 Dominican Republic
 Ecuador *
 El Salvador *
 Grenada
 Guatemala
 Guyana
 Haiti

Honduras
 Jamaica *
 Mexico
 Nicaragua
 Panama *
 Paraguay *
 Peru
 Saint Kitts and Nevis
 Saint Lucia
 Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 Suriname *
 Trinidad and Tobago
 Uruguay *
 Venezuela

Near East

Afghanistan
 Bahrain
 Iraq
 Jordan *
 Kuwait
 Kyrgyzstan *
 Lebanon
 Oman *

Qatar
 Saudi Arabia *
 Syrian Arab Republic *
 Tajikistan
 Turkmenistan
 United Arab Emirates *
 Uzbekistan
 Yemen

North America

Canada *
 United States of America

Southwest Pacific

Australia *
 Cook Islands
 Fiji
 Kiribati
 Marshall Islands *
 Micronesia (Federated States of)
 Nauru
 New Zealand *

Niue
 Palau
 Papua New Guinea
 Samoa *
 Solomon Islands
 Tonga
 Tuvalu
 Vanuatu