



**Basel Convention on the Control of
Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**

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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Ad hoc joint working group on enhancing cooperation and
coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions**

Second meeting

Vienna, 10–13 December 2007

Item 2 (b) of the provisional agenda*

Organizational matters: organization of work

**Scenario note for the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working
group**

Note by the Secretariat

The annex to the present note contains a scenario note prepared by the co-chairs of the ad hoc joint working group to assist participants in preparing for its second meeting.

* UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/1.

Annex

Scenario note for the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group on enhancing synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist representatives in preparing for the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group by communicating initial planning activity and expectations for the meeting. Pre-session meeting documents are available on the ad hoc joint working group website (<http://ahjwg.chem.unep.ch/>).

I. Objectives of the meeting

2. In order to ensure the ad hoc joint working group is able to complete its mandate to prepare joint recommendations on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention at its third and final meeting in early 2008, at its second meeting it will, in order of priority, need

(a) To prepare elements or options for possible recommendations for each of the areas of further cooperation listed in the report of the first meeting of the ad hoc joint working group (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.1/4);

(b) To agree on intersessional work to be done before the next meeting of the ad hoc joint working group and the schedule for its completion.

(c) To identify priorities among the areas of further cooperation and coordination identified.

II. Meeting agenda and organization of work

3. The annotated provisional agenda for the meeting (UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/1/Add.1) identifies issues for discussion and the documents that pertain to each agenda item.

4. Representatives are invited to inform the Secretariat prior to the meeting or, at the latest, during the consideration of the provisional agenda, of any matters that they feel should have been included in the provisional agenda that do not appear to be covered.

5. The meeting will comprise four days of sessions from 10 to 13 December 2007 (Monday to Thursday). The proposed daily schedule for plenary is 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

6. Monday morning will begin with opening formalities and then proceed to organizational matters (item 2 of the provisional agenda). The ad hoc joint working group will adopt the agenda for the meeting, amended as appropriate, and agree on the organization of work.

7. For the rest of Monday and until mid morning on Tuesday, the ad hoc joint working group would consider possible areas of cooperation and collaboration clustered according to overarching themes, such as: technical/substantive issues, information management and public awareness issues, organizational issues in the field and administrative issues, to facilitate the discussions. For each area, applicable thought starter papers would be briefly introduced by the drafter, possible elements of recommendations for enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Conventions would be discussed and a contact group would be established to draft elements or options of possible recommendations relevant to that area for consideration by the ad hoc joint working group in plenary later in the week.

8. On Monday night the Government of Austria is planning to host a reception for meeting participants.

9. Contact groups would begin work as soon as possible on Tuesday and continue as necessary through Wednesday evening. The contact groups would report back to plenary on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning with the results of their work.
10. Thursday morning, the plenary would consider the draft elements of recommendations prepared by the contact groups, amend them as appropriate and agree to annex them to the report of the meeting. The ad hoc joint working group would agree on intersessional work to be done prior to its next meeting and a schedule for its completion.
11. Thursday afternoon, the plenary would discuss possible priorities among the areas of possible cooperation and collaboration identified. It would agree on the venue and date of its next meeting. It would consider any other matters and proceed to adoption of its report. The report of the meeting up until the end of the day on Wednesday will be approved with any amendments that are agreed by the ad hoc joint working group. Consistent with the practice followed at the previous meeting of the ad hoc joint working the Parties may agree that the section of the report pertaining to the results of the Thursday plenary sessions will be prepared by the co-chairs, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated in the meeting report under the authority of the co-chairs. The meeting is expected to be closed by 6 p.m.

III. Possible outcomes

12. By the end of the meeting, the ad hoc joint working group is expected to complete the following:
- (a) Draft elements of possible recommendations for enhancing cooperation and coordination among the three conventions;
 - (b) A plan for the completion of intersessional work between the second and third meeting of the ad hoc joint working group that includes identification lead drafters of documents specified in the plan and a schedule for completion of work;
 - (c) Initial prioritization among the areas of possible cooperation and coordination (it may be that some areas that are identified as relatively lower priority will be put aside from consideration ad hoc joint working group).
13. The above would be included in the report of the work of the second meeting of the ad hoc joint working group that is intended to provide a basis for regional consultation during the intersessional period.
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