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**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 3 of the provisional agenda*

**Consideration of the intersessional work undertaken by the
members of the ad hoc joint working group and by the
Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention**

Resource mobilization

Note by the secretariats

Attached is a submission by Portugal on behalf of the EU on “Additional information of the EU on resource mobilization”. It is presented as received and has not been formally edited.

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EU submission

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Additional information of the EU on resource mobilization

So far, a thought starter on resource mobilization is not available. Only references to decisions and documents under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions relevant to this topic are available in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/5. Therefore, the EU would like to share some thoughts on this issue.

The discussions on options to respond to challenges and opportunities of resource mobilization, sustainable financing and financial mechanisms to promote an effective and mainstreamed implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions are linked with other multilateral chemicals- and waste-related agreements as well as ongoing international processes in the field such as the Global Environment Facility (GEF) or the SAICM Quick Start Programme (SAICM QSP) and, in practice, couldn't exist without additional national engagement and support by regional integration organisations *via* other multilateral and bilateral financing sources.

The EU notes that the decisions at the last COPs of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions relevant to resource mobilisation (as referred to in document UNEP/FAO/CHW/RC/POPS/JWG.2/INF/5) already address the importance of strengthening the linkages between these three Conventions and also beyond.

The AHJWG might consider elements for recommendations regarding a more focussed and effective resource mobilization for the three Conventions including the following:

- discussion for which issues the secretariats should mobilize resources;
- collection of all possible existing and upcoming resource mobilization sources within the respective Conventions' mandates;
- the question of reiterative studies or separate investigations including strategies for securing long-lasting financial resources;
- the problems related to any further specific, fragmented financial mechanism for a multilateral environment agreement;
- differentiated approaches for financial support, notably a common approach to cross-cutting issues, such as addressing foundational chemicals' management capacity needs, and a complementary approach regarding assistance needs for implementation of specific provisions of the three Conventions within their mandates;
- different time horizons, notably short, medium and long term initiatives, with a view to targeted and integrated sustainable funding of country- and demand-driven priority needs of eligible countries/regions for effective Conventions' implementation and inclusion into national/regional development and poverty reduction plans together with links to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).