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Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**

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**Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the
Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent
Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in
International Trade at its twelfth meeting**

The annex to the present note sets out the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its twelfth meeting.

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Decision RC-12/1: Status of implementation

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision RC-11/1 on the status of implementation,

Takes note of the information provided on the status of implementation of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade;¹

1. *Encourages* Parties to continue to implement the relevant provisions of decisions RC-7/2, RC-9/1 and RC-11/1;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to streamline information collection requests to Parties, taking into account the periodic questionnaire on the implementation of Articles 11 to 14 of the Convention and the work programme of the Compliance Committee of the Convention;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to continue to implement the provisions of decisions RC-7/2, RC-9/1 and RC-11/1 and to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/4; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/6.

Decision RC-12/2: Operation of the Chemical Review Committee

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 nineteenth and twentieth meetings;¹
2. *Confirms* the appointment of:
 - (a) Giuseppe Granato (Italy) to replace Mirijam Seng (Belgium) for the remainder of her term, until 30 April 2028;
 - (b) Amit Vashishtha (India) to replace Dinesh Runiwal for the remainder of his term, until 30 April 2028;
 - (c) Tatiana Vásquez (Costa Rica) to replace Carlos Enrique Acevedo González (Guatemala) for the remainder of his term, until 30 April 2028;
 - (d) Eline Lazdekalneas (Latvia) to replace Judite Dipane for the remainder of her term, until 30 April 2026;
 - (e) Els Smit (Kingdom of the Netherlands) to replace Charles Bodar as of 1 September 2025 for the remainder of his term, until 30 April 2026;
3. *Appoints* the 15 designated experts listed in the annex to the present decision to serve as members of the Committee, with terms of office beginning on 1 May 2026 and ending on 30 April 2030;
4. *Requests* the Chemical Review Committee at its twenty-first meeting to identify an interim chair of the Committee for its twenty-second meeting and decides to consider the election of the Chair of the Committee at its thirteenth meeting;
5. *Welcomes* the activities conducted by the Secretariat for new members and requests the Secretariat to continue to implement training activities, for new and existing members, within the framework of the technical assistance plan, subject to the availability of resources, considering different delivery techniques and information channels, such as workshops and online training, and to report on the results of that work to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

Annex to decision RC-12/2

Members of the Chemical Review Committee appointed by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting with terms of office beginning on 1 May 2026

African States

Mehari Wondmagegn (Ethiopia)
 Mantoa Makuena Sekota (Lesotho)
 Saida Ech-Chayeb (Morocco)
 Perine Kasonde (Zambia)

Asia-Pacific States

Cangmin Li (China)
 Zaigham Abbas (Pakistan)
 Abdel Fattah Hasan (State of Palestine)
 Palarp Sinhaseni (Thailand)

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.19/14, UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.20/28 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.20/28/Add.1.

Eastern European States

No decision taken²

Latin American and Caribbean States

Eliana Rosa Munarriz (Argentina)

Flávio Manoel Rodrigues da Silva Júnior (Brazil)

Pablo Ernesto Roa Maraga (Chile)

Western European and other States

Martin Lacroix (Canada)

Carles Escrivà Pellicer (Germany)

Catherine Elisabeth Smit (Netherlands (Kingdom of the))

Matthew Allen (New Zealand)

² See paragraph [--] of the report of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Decision RC-12/3: Listing of carbosulfan in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision RC-8/6, in which the Conference of the Parties decided that all the requirements for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade had been met,

Noting with appreciation the work of the Chemical Review Committee,

Having considered the recommendation of the Chemical Review Committee to make carbosulfan (CAS No. 55285-14-8) subject to the prior informed consent procedure and, accordingly, to list it in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention as a pesticide,

1. *Decides* to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to list the following chemical:

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Relevant CAS number(s)</i>	<i>Category</i>
Carbosulfan	55285-14-8	Pesticide

2. *Also decides* that this amendment shall enter into force for all Parties on 22 October 2025;

3. *Approves* the decision guidance document on carbosulfan.¹

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/7/Add.1, annex.

Decision RC-12/4: Listing of fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision RC-8/7, in which the Conference of the Parties decided that all the requirements for listing in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade had been met,

Noting with appreciation the work of the Chemical Review Committee,

Having considered the recommendation of the Chemical Review Committee to make fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L) (CAS No. 55--38-9) subject to the prior informed consent procedure and, accordingly, to list it in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention as a severely hazardous pesticide formulation,

1. *Decides* to amend Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention to list the following chemical:

<i>Chemical</i>	<i>Relevant CAS number(s)</i>	<i>Category</i>
Fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L)	55-38-9	Severely hazardous pesticide formulation

2. *Also decides* that this amendment shall enter into force for all Parties on 22 October 2025;

3. *Approves* the decision guidance document on fenthion (ultra-low-volume formulations at or above 640 g active ingredient/L).¹

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/10/Add.1, annex.

Decision RC-12/5: Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that the objective of the Rotterdam Convention is to promote shared responsibility and cooperative efforts among Parties in the international trade of certain hazardous chemicals in order to protect human health and the environment from potential harm and to contribute to their environmentally sound use, by facilitating information exchange about their characteristics, by providing for a national decision-making process on their import and export and by disseminating these decisions to Parties;

Taking note of decision RC-11/4, and recognizing that this decision continues efforts to enhance the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention as set out in decisions RC-7/5, RC-8/8, RC-9/6 and RC-10/10;

Noting that the Rotterdam Convention subjects chemicals listed in Annex III to the prior informed consent (PIC) procedure and does not prescribe bans;

1. *Welcomes* the activities agreed in the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2026–2029¹ related to risk evaluation and the preparation and transmission of notifications of final regulatory action;
2. *Invites* Parties and observers to transmit to the Secretariat information on resources and tools available to support governments and other stakeholders in implementing effective, best practice chemical management systems and their experiences in using such resources and tools;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile the information transmitted by Parties and observers pursuant to paragraph 2 above and to make it available on the Convention website;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, when providing support to the Chemical Review Committee and for the purpose of facilitating continuity of knowledge, expertise and coherence in the work of the Committee, to consider and, where possible, implement initiatives to provide additional training to current and incoming members, through online means;
5. *Kindly invites* the Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management (JMPM) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization to discuss, as appropriate, the use of Annex III as a criterion for defining Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) under Criterion 6 of the Guidelines on Highly Hazardous Pesticides of the International Code of Conduct on Pesticide Management;
6. *Invites* Parties and observers to provide information to the Secretariat on provisions under the Rotterdam Convention that may be relevant for quality standards in the area of agriculture and food production;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to compile the information transmitted by Parties and observers pursuant to paragraph 6 above and make it available on the Convention website;
8. *Takes note of* the development of the Implementation Programme on developing integrated national chemicals and waste management systems and capacities at the national and regional levels under the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to translate the Handbook of Working Procedures and Policy Guidance for the Chemical Review Committee into the six official languages of the United Nations;
10. *Requests* the Secretariat, in addition to the operational arrangements relating to language for the Chemical Review Committee and, subject to the availability of resources, for the conduct of meetings of the Chemical Review Committee, to provide simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations;
11. *Requests* the Secretariat to bring the present decision to the attention of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization .

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/21, paragraph 2 (a) (iii), section VI, Part B.2.

Decision RC-12/6: Compliance Committee

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the work of the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade since the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention,

Templates for specific submissions by Parties

1. *Encourages* Parties to use the templates for specific submissions by Parties;¹
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to make the templates referred to in paragraph 1 above available to Parties on the Convention website;

Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention

3. *Recognizes* Parties that have adopted legislative and administrative measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention, and encourages all Parties to do so;
4. *Invites* Parties to continue to provide information to the Committee, using questions to collect information, including updates to information previously provided;
5. *Decides* to include in the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029 continued support to Parties for the development of, the establishment of and updates to legislative and administrative measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention, in particular to raise awareness and increase coordination among involved entities;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to identify Parties' needs for assistance, assess the adequacy of tools and training activities to meet those needs, and any updates needed to existing tools and any new tools that should be developed in relation to legislative and administrative measures to implement the Rotterdam Convention;
7. *Encourages* the United Nations Environment Programme (including the secretariat of the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other relevant entities, in their activities to support the technical assistance plan, to organize activities related to laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention;

Notifications of final regulatory action

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to collect more information from Parties on the challenges faced with the submission of notifications of final regulatory action within 90 days of its taking effect;
9. *Decides* to continue to include in the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029 awareness-raising activities and exchanges of experiences and information on how to conduct risk evaluations;
10. *Encourages* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant entities, in their activities to support the technical assistance plan, to continue their efforts to assist Parties in their actions to prepare and adopt final regulatory actions and to submit notifications of those final regulatory actions to the Secretariat;

Exports and imports of chemicals listed in Annex III

11. *Decides* to emphasize, in the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029, the importance of importing Parties' receiving support to transmit import responses, pursuant to Article 10 of the Convention, and of exporting Parties' ensuring that exporters comply with import responses pursuant to Article 11;

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/CC.2/12, decision CC-2/2, annexes I and II.

12. *Encourages* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant entities, in their activities to support the technical assistance plan, to organize awareness-raising activities for importing Parties on the transmission of import responses in a timely manner and for exporting Parties on ensuring that exporters comply with import responses, particularly in regard to the communication of responses, and to provide Parties with opportunities to exchange lessons and good practices;

Export notifications

13. *Decides* to emphasize, in the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029, the importance of Parties' receiving support to raise awareness of the obligations under the Convention pertaining to the transmission and acknowledgement of receipt of export notifications, including training in completing the periodic questionnaire on Articles 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the Convention;

Programme of work for the biennium 2026–2027

14. *Approves* the programme of work of the Committee for the biennium 2026–2027 as set out in the annex to the present decision, and requests the Committee:

- (a) To consult Parties, in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on a draft programme of work for the biennium 2028–2029;
- (b) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions, in accordance with paragraph 26 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention;

15. *Requests* the Secretariat to support the Committee, including, subject to the availability of resources, with the implementation of the activities in its programme of work;

Election of members of the Committee

16. *Elects*, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Annex VII, the following members of the Committee until the close of the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

African States:

Joseph Edmund (Ghana)

Youssef Zidi (Tunisia)

Asia-Pacific States:

Amit Vashishtha (India)

Pattanan Tarin (Thailand)

Eastern European States:

*No decision taken*²

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Rodrigo González Videla (Argentina)

Western European and other States:

Trond Liu Skaug (Norway)

² See paragraph [--] of the report of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Annex to decision RC-12/6³

Programme of work of the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2026–2027

I. Review of systemic issues of general compliance under the Convention

<i>Systemic issue of general compliance to be addressed</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention (Article 15 (1) and other provisions)	Continue to monitor, based on information from Parties, legislative and administrative measures adopted by Parties to implement the Rotterdam Convention; Consider and recommend to the Conference of the Parties additional steps that could be taken to increase the number of Parties with measures in place to implement the Rotterdam Convention.
Notification of final regulatory actions (Article 5)	Based on information from Parties, continue to identify and review issues being faced by Parties in relation to the notification of final regulatory actions, including challenges faced with submission of a notification of final regulatory action within 90 days of it taking effect; Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support Parties with the notification of final regulatory actions.
Exports and imports of chemicals listed in Annex III (Articles 10 and 11)	Compile and make available to Parties examples of communication channels for information exchange related to international trade in chemicals listed in Annex III and mechanisms for coordination and cooperation between national stakeholders; Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by importing Parties with submitting import responses; Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses; Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support importing Parties in submitting import responses and exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses.
Export notifications (Article 12)	Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by Parties in relation to the provision of export notifications and the acknowledgement of receipt thereof.
Information submission: improve timely and complete submission of information pursuant to the provisions of the Convention	Continue to monitor developments, including the development of guidance, related to the integration by Parties of their information submission needs in actions to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework, in particular interlinkages with and the relation to the Rotterdam Convention.
Enhanced cooperation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention and the Compliance Committee of the Stockholm Convention	Continue to cooperate with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention and take steps to initiate cooperation with the Compliance Committee of the Stockholm Convention, to facilitate compliance through the exchange of views and information between the committees on activities, operations and processes of joint interest, including, as appropriate, joint sessions at meetings of the committees, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties.

³ The annex is presented without formal editing.

II. Specific submissions regarding Party compliance

1. The Committee shall continue to accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding Party compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex VII of the Rotterdam Convention.
2. The Committee shall continue to explore lessons from implementation and compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements that could inform the work of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention.

RC-12/7: Technical assistance¹

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting the activities undertaken by the partnerships established under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention and the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade in support of Parties' implementation of the conventions,²

1. *Takes note* of the report on the technical assistance needs of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the technical assistance available from developed-country Parties and others,³ as well as of the database summarizing the technical assistance needs;⁴

2. *Encourages* all relevant technical assistance providers to consider the information available in that database;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare the next report on the technical assistance needs of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries and the Small Island Developing States in their actions, for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the technical assistance available from developed-country Parties and others for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its meeting in 2029;

4. *Takes note* of the report on the implementation of the technical assistance plan for the period 2024–2025,⁵ including capacity-building activities carried out and planned by the Secretariat for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

5. *Welcomes* the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2026–2029;⁶

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to disseminate the plan by various means and to facilitate awareness of the plan by the relevant actors;

7. *Encourages* all relevant actors, including Parties, the regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility, the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention on Mercury, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and the Global Framework on Chemicals – For a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste, and participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals to take the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2026–2029 into account in their activities, according to their mandates;

8. *Encourages* the relevant Parties, in line with Article 10 of the Basel Convention, Article 16 of the Rotterdam Convention and Article 12 of the Stockholm Convention, and invites others to voluntarily support the implementation of the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to:

(a) Implement the technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029 in accordance with the decisions adopted at the present meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including on the programmes of work and budgets of the conventions for the biennium 2026-2027, and in cooperation with relevant actors;

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/18 and SC-12/16 on technical assistance, part I of which is substantially identical to the present decision.

² See documents UNEP/CHW.17/18, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/47, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/51, UNEP/CHW.15/INF/50, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/49; UNEP/CHW.17/12; and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/17.

³ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/43–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/22–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/30.

⁴ www.brsmeas.org/tabid/4898.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/41–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/20–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/28.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/42–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/21–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/29.

(b) Maintain the database referred to in paragraph 1 above and ensure that it remains accessible through the websites of the conventions;

10. *Emphasizes* the key role of the regional centres, as described in the provisions of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, as well as the regional, subregional and country offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme and other participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, in delivering technical assistance upon request, particularly at the regional level, for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and facilitating technology transfer respective to the relevant provisions of the Basel and Stockholm conventions.

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on the implementation of the present decision.

RC-12/8: Framework to develop a resource mobilization strategy for the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions¹

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

- (a) To develop a questionnaire on possible elements useful for developing guidance for a resource mobilization strategy from non-State actors for the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions;
 - (b) To compile and summarize the information received and make it available to Parties from the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions;
 - (c) To organize consultation sessions with Parties from the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions to update and finalize potential guidance for resource mobilization from non-State actors for the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions;
 - (d) To prepare, based on the guidance referred to in sub-paragraph (c), a resource mobilization strategy from non-State actors for the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting;
2. *Invites* Parties from the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions and other relevant stakeholders to provide information by 31 October 2025, including through the questionnaire referred to in paragraph 1(a).

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/20 and SC-12/18 on a framework to develop a resource mobilization strategy for the African and Latin America and the Caribbean regions, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

RC-12/9: Cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury¹

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing that the sharing of services within a stable framework will enhance cooperation and coordination based on experience and proximity and can foster the effective implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the Minamata Convention without undermining the autonomy of the secretariats or the accountability of their executive heads,

1. *Takes note* of the joint report on cooperation and coordination between the secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and of the Minamata Convention on Mercury,² and the outline of cooperation activities planned, including for the sharing and purchase of relevant services, between the two secretariats for the biennium 2026–2027;³

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of continued cooperation on programmatic synergies, of the use of the task force between the two secretariats and the United Nations Environment Programme Chemicals and Health Branch, and of the possibility for the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to provide secretariat support to the Minamata Convention on a cost recovery basis, in accordance with the programme of work and budget of the conventions for each biennium;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue, with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention and under the overall steering of the task force, as appropriate, to cooperate on relevant administrative, programmatic, scientific and technical and technical assistance matters, in accordance with the programme of work and budget, and to explore ways to further strengthen cooperation and collaboration with the Minamata Convention;

(b) To continue to implement shared services and the purchase of relevant services with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on a cost recovery basis, as appropriate and in accordance with the programme of work and budget for each biennium;

(c) To report on the implementation of the present decision, including on a stable framework for cooperation and for the sharing of services, and providing an outline of the cooperation activities planned under such a framework for the biennium 2026–2027, for the consideration of and, as necessary, further guidance by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting.

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/22 and SC-12/23 on cooperation and coordination with the Minamata Convention on Mercury, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/54–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/25–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/44, annex I.

³ Ibid., annex II.

RC-12/10: International cooperation and coordination with other organizations¹

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024² and the information provided by the secretariat of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment,³ the secretariat of the ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution⁴ and the secretariat of the Global Framework on Chemicals – for a Planet Free of Harm from Chemicals and Waste,⁵ and in the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme on programmatic matters pertaining to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;⁶

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the international bodies with a mandate in areas of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including those listed in the report of the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024, for their cooperation with the Secretariat, and invites them to continue to cooperate and coordinate, as appropriate, with the Secretariat;

3. *Welcomes* the cooperation with the secretariat of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to establish a legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, in accordance with United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/14, entitled “End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument”, and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to cooperate and coordinate closely with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in the context of the mandate of the intergovernmental negotiating committee and to participate in its work on issues relevant to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

4. *Reiterates* its invitation to Parties participating in the intergovernmental negotiating committee to ensure that the international legally binding instrument is fully coherent with and complementary to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, that it avoids duplication of the actions set out in the relevant provisions thereof and that it promotes cooperation and coordination with those conventions, and to ensure that the expertise of the Secretariat and the Parties and the experience gained in implementing the conventions is fully shared in order to help the intergovernmental negotiating committee in its deliberations, and also reiterates its encouragement to the regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions to participate in the work of the intergovernmental negotiating committee and to share their expertise;

5. *Acknowledges* the presence and participation of the Secretariat in the process of the intergovernmental negotiating committee, including regional groups and intersessional working groups, and the activities conducted by the Secretariat in its cooperation with the intergovernmental negotiating committee, and requests the Secretariat to continue to provide the intergovernmental negotiating committee with information on the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions relevant to its work;

6. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme in the context of the ad hoc open-ended working group, in accordance with Environment Assembly resolution 5/8 on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, and requests the Executive Secretary to continue to contribute to the preparation of proposals for the science-policy panel and cooperate closely with the

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/23 and SC-12/24 on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/55–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/26–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/45.

³ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/62–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/32–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/51.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/63–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/33–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/52.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/61–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/31–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/50.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/56–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/27–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/46.

Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, and, once it has been established, the appropriate bodies of the science-policy panel;

7. *Reiterates* its invitation to Parties participating in the ad hoc open-ended working group to promote coordination and cooperation, as well as complementarity between and non-duplication of the work of the science-policy panel and that of the conventions, and to ensure that there is close cooperation with science-policy bodies under the conventions, as appropriate, and that the extensive experience of science-based promotion of the sound management of chemicals and waste is made available to the ad hoc open-ended working group;

8. *Welcomes* the relevant resolutions adopted by the Environment Assembly at its sixth session, including resolution 6/9 on sound management of chemicals and waste,⁷ resolution 6/11 on highly hazardous pesticides,⁸ resolution 6/5 on environmental aspects of minerals and metals,⁹ resolution 6/4 on promoting synergies, cooperation or collaboration for national implementation of multilateral environmental agreements and other relevant environmental instruments,¹⁰ resolution 6/6 on fostering national action to address global environmental challenges through increased cooperation between the Environment Assembly, the United Nations Environment Programme and the multilateral environmental agreements¹¹ and resolution 6/3 on enhancing the role and viability of regional forums of ministers of the environment and United Nations Environment Programme regional offices in achieving multilateral cooperation in tackling environmental challenges;¹²

9. *Also welcomes* the work facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme under the Bern process, including the outcomes of its third conference, and invites the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to continue its engagement, in collaboration with other multilateral environmental agreements, in the process;

10. *Encourages* Parties to engage in the Bern process and actively promote cooperation and policy coherence among multilateral environmental agreements at the national level, taking into account national circumstances, needs and priorities through, as appropriate, a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach;

11. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary to cooperate with the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in fostering the implementation of activities described in Environment Assembly resolutions that are relevant to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

12. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, when carrying out activities of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, to cooperate with the Secretariat and to take into account relevant decisions of the conferences of the Parties and the programmes of work of the conventions;

13. *Welcomes* the programmatic cooperation between the Secretariat, the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on programmatic matters of mutual interest;

14. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue such programmatic cooperation efforts;

15. *Reiterates* the requests contained in paragraphs 18 and 19 of decisions BC-15/25, RC-10/14 and SC-10/21 for the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with relevant organizations with regard to the contributions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

16. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Global Framework on Chemicals, takes note of the report of the Secretariat on how the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions might contribute to the implementation of the Framework,¹³ and requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to implement the proposed activities to contribute towards the implementation of the Framework;¹⁴

⁷ UNEP/EA.6/Res.9; see, in particular, paras. 1 and 5–8.

⁸ UNEP/EA.6/Res.11; see, in particular, paras. 2 and 3.

⁹ UNEP/EA.6/Res.5; see, in particular, paras. 2 and 3.

¹⁰ UNEP/EA.6/Res.4; see, in particular, para. 2.

¹¹ UNEP/EA.6/Res.6; see, in particular, para. 1.

¹² See, in particular, para. 3.

¹³ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/57–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/28–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/47, annex I.

¹⁴ Ibid., annex II.

17. *Takes note* of the exploratory study on interlinkages between the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;¹⁵

18. *Also takes note* of the report on how the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions might contribute to the implementation of the 2030 targets and 2050 goals of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework,¹⁶ and requests the Secretariat to cooperate with the Convention on Biological Diversity secretariat and other appropriate bodies in the further work on the monitoring framework for the Global Biodiversity Framework, in particular with regard to indicators under target 7 on pollution;¹⁷

19. *Further takes note* of the report on the status of work by the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System related to the chemicals listed in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention,¹⁸ and reminds Parties of the obligation under the Rotterdam Convention to require that, whenever a code has been assigned to a chemical, the shipping document bear the code for that chemical when exported;¹⁹

20. *Requests* the Secretariat to:²⁰

(a) Propose to the World Customs Organization amendments to the Harmonized System to specifically identify chemicals that are included in the annexes to the Stockholm Convention, for which specific codes do not already exist;

(b) Invite the World Customs Organization to develop recommendations on interim changes that can be made to national nomenclatures to facilitate the use of newly approved customs codes;

21. *Welcomes* the entry into force of the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009;²¹

22. *Takes note* of the information provided by the secretariat of the International Maritime Organization,²² including the provisional guidance on the implementation of the Hong Kong and Basel conventions with respect to the transboundary movement of ships intended for recycling,²³ approved by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization at its eighty-second session;

23. *Invites* Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 November 2025, comments on the provisional guidance referred to in paragraph 22 above and any other additional comments from the perspective of the Basel Convention on the implementation of the Hong Kong and Basel conventions with respect to the transboundary movement of ships intended for recycling;

24. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to reflect the comments referred to in paragraph 23 above and to submit them for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention at its fifteenth meeting, so as to prepare a draft decision with recommendations to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eighteenth meeting;

25. *Also requests* the Secretariat to transmit the present decision to the Marine Environment Protection Committee;

26. *Welcomes* the adoption by the Group of 20 of the Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration;²⁴

27. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to initiate communications with the secretariats of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, and the Waigani Convention to Ban the Importation into Forum Island Countries of Hazardous

¹⁵ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/58–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/29–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/48.

¹⁶ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/59–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/30–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/49.

¹⁷ Decision CBD/COP/DEC/16/31.

¹⁸ See document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/34.

¹⁹ This paragraph is only relevant to the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention.

²⁰ This paragraph is only relevant to the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

²¹ Paragraphs 21 to 25 are only relevant to the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.

²² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/60.

²³ International Maritime Organization, document HKSRC.2/Circ.1.

²⁴ Available at <https://g20.gov.br/en/documents/g20-rio-de-janeiro-leaders-declaration>.

and Radioactive Wastes and to Control the Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within the South Pacific Region, with a view to ensuring the facilitation of cooperation, synergies and partnerships between the Bamako Convention, the Waigani Convention and the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

28. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue:

(a) To work closely with other international organizations, within their mandates, on activities related to plastic pollution;

(b) To enhance cooperation and coordination with the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, with the secretariats of the Global Framework on Chemicals, the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Montreal Protocol, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, with the International Maritime Organization, the Group of 20, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research on issues of common interest, and with other international bodies in areas of relevance to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including in the areas and with the organizations listed in the report of the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination covering the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024;²⁵

29. *Also requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the conferences of the Parties at their next meetings.

²⁵ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/55–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/26–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/45.

RC-12/11: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange¹

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism for the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
2. *Takes note* of the workplan for the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2026–2027;²
3. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To continue the work to implement the clearing-house mechanism strategy³ in a gradual and cost-effective manner;
 - (b) To implement the maintenance activities outlined in section II.A of the workplan for the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2026–2027 mentioned in paragraph 2 above, in accordance with the programmes of work and budgets for the conventions for the biennium, while prioritizing recurring activities, in particular with respect to the maintenance of existing systems;
 - (c) To implement, subject to the availability of resources, the activities outlined in section II.B of the workplan for the implementation of the clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2026–2027 mentioned in paragraph 2 above in accordance with the programme of work and budget for the Convention for the biennium;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To continue to enhance cooperation and coordination activities with existing partners in the area of information exchange, to explore possible cooperative activities with new partners including academia, as appropriate, and to ensure complementarity with and avoid duplication of existing and future activities, tools and mechanisms;
 - (b) To continue its collaboration with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to exchange information and share experiences and best practices regarding the use of existing clearing-house mechanism systems;
5. *Invites* Parties and observers to participate, as appropriate, in the implementation and further development of the clearing-house mechanism strategy and in relevant activities of the workplan for the biennium 2026–2027, in accordance with the present decision;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to keep the strategy under regular review in order to take into account lessons learned and relevant developments regarding the international agenda on the sound management of chemicals and waste.

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/24 and SC-12/25 on the clearing-house mechanism for information exchange, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/64/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/35/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/53/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/47–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/33–UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/50.

RC-12/12: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes¹

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting decision BC-17/17 on national legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Basel Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic,

I

Preventing and combating illegal trade in hazardous chemicals covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions²

1. *Reiterates* its encouragement to Parties to voluntarily provide information about cases of international trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, using the forms adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their tenth meetings;³

2. *Reiterates* its invitation to Parties to continue to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and to continue to share information through the Secretariat on actions taken to implement and enforce the trade control measures, as well as on challenges Parties may be facing;

3. *Takes note* of the case studies on action taken by Parties to implement and enforce the trade control measures of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;⁴

4. *Encourages* enforcement entities to include the illegal trade in hazardous chemicals covered by Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions within the scope of their planned operations;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue collecting information on best practices for preventing and combating illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and on cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the conventions submitted by Parties on a voluntary basis and to make such information available on the website of the conventions;

(b) To continue to develop, subject to the availability of resources, case studies on action taken by Parties to implement and enforce the trade control measures of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

(c) To continue to provide Parties, upon request, with assistance in identifying cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals;

II

Preventing and combating illegal trade in hazardous chemicals covered by the Stockholm Convention⁵

Noting decision SC-17/24 on international cooperation and coordination with other organizations,

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/25 and SC-12/26 on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

² This section is only relevant to the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

³ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/32–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/52.

⁴ See UNEP/CHW.17/INF/66–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/37–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/55.

⁵ This section is only relevant to the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

6. *Takes notes* of the report on amending the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the World Customs Organization to identify substances and products that contain the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention;⁶

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to explore, subject to the availability of resources, the needs related to amending the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System to identify products that contain the chemicals listed in Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention and supports, subject to the availability of resources, the implementation of recommendations set out in the report referred to in paragraph 6 above, as appropriate;

III

Preventing and combating illegal trade and traffic in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions⁷

8. *Takes note* of the workplan on strengthening Parties' capacity to provide information about confirmed cases and experience related to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes;⁸

9. *Encourages* the member organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, the Basel Convention and Stockholm Convention regional centres, the International Criminal Police Organization, the World Customs Organization and relevant global and regional enforcement networks to undertake activities aimed at assisting Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, and to inform the Secretariat thereof, taking into consideration the workplan on strengthening Parties' capacity to provide information about confirmed cases and experience related to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes referred to in paragraph 8 above;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat, taking into account the requests made to it in decision BC-17/17 and, when possible, in conjunction with such requests:

(a) To continue to provide advice and, subject to the availability of resources, conduct awareness-raising and technical assistance activities to strengthen the capacity of Parties, including enforcement entities, to prevent and combat illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including actions contained in the workplan referred to in paragraph 8 above;

(b) To further explore areas and opportunities for collaboration to prevent and combat the illegal trade in pesticides covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions with relevant international and regional organizations and entities, including with a view to identifying the extent of the illegal trade in chemicals covered by the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

(c) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on the implementation of the present decision.

⁶ UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/56, annex.

⁷ This section is relevant to the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

⁸ UNEP/CHW.17/INF/79–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/50–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/75.

RC-12/13: From science to action¹

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information on the workshops and other actions to implement the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in an informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;²
2. *Encourages* Parties and other stakeholders to continue actions that promote the implementation of the road map;³
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to carry out capacity-building and training activities to support Parties in taking science-based action in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue to cooperate and coordinate with the United Nations Environment Programme and, as appropriate, other relevant organizations, scientific bodies and stakeholders with a view to strengthening the science-policy interface, including in the context of the implementation of United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 5/8 on a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on the implementation of the present decision.

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/26 and SC-12/27 on from science to action, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/68–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/38–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/57.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/40–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/35–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/44.

RC-12/14: Venue and dates of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions¹

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the offer by the Government of the Panama to host the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants in 2027 in Panama;
2. *Decides* to convene the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions back to back, from 19 to 30 April 2027, in Panama City, Panama, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of a host country agreement between the Government of Panama and the Secretariat on arrangements for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties;
3. *Also decides* that the meetings will include joint sessions, where appropriate, on joint issues;
4. *Further decides* that the meetings will not include a high-level segment;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enter into consultations with the Government of Panama with a view to agreeing on satisfactory arrangements and concluding a host country agreement for hosting the meetings as referred to in paragraphs 2 to 4 above;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in order to assist Parties in preparing for the back-to-back meetings, to support, subject to the availability of resources, regional meetings, held in coordination with other regional meetings, to assist regional preparatory processes;
7. *Invites* Parties to submit, if possible by 8 January 2027, offers to host the 2029 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to be held in 2027.

¹ The conferences of the Parties to the Basel and Stockholm conventions adopted decisions BC-17/27 and SC-12/28 on venue and dates of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, which are substantially identical to the present decision.

Decision RC-12/15: Programme of work and budget for the biennium 2026–2027 of the Rotterdam Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision RC-11/15 on the programme of work and budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2024–2025,

Taking note of the financial reports for 2022 and 2023 from the general trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention general trust fund),¹

Taking note also of the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to the respective conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on the implementation of the memorandums of understanding² and of the report of the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention,³

I

Rotterdam Convention general trust fund

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the Rotterdam Convention for the biennium 2026–2027 of 4,479,921 United States dollars for 2026 and 4,479,921 United States dollars for 2027, for the purposes set out in table 1 of the present decision;

2. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries of the Rotterdam Convention to make commitments up to the amount of the approved operational budget, drawing on available cash resources;

3. *Decides* to maintain the working capital reserve at the level of 15 per cent of the annual average of the biennial operational budgets for the biennium 2026–2027;

4. *Invites* the governing bodies of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue their financial and other support for the operation of the Rotterdam Convention and its Secretariat in the biennium 2026–2027;

5. *Welcomes* the continued annual contributions by Italy and Switzerland, the host countries of the Secretariat, of 600,000 euros each to the Secretariat to offset planned expenditures;

6. *Notes* that, of Switzerland's annual host country contribution of 600,000 euros, 50 per cent will be apportioned to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund and 50 per cent to the special voluntary trust fund for the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade (Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions) for 2026–2027;

7. *Adopts* the indicative scale of assessments for the apportionment of expenses for the biennium 2026–2027 set out in table 2 of the present decision and authorizes the executive secretaries, consistent with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, to adjust the scale to include all Parties for which the Convention enters into force before 1 January 2026 for 2026 and before 1 January 2027 for 2027;

8. *Recalls* that contributions to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund are expected by 1 January of the year for which those contributions have been budgeted, urges Parties to pay their contributions promptly, encourages Parties in a position to do so to pay their contributions by 15 October 2025 for the calendar year 2026 and by 15 October 2026 for the calendar year 2027, and requests the Secretariat to notify Parties of the amounts of their contributions as early as possible in the year preceding the year in which they are due;

9. *Reiterates* its ongoing concern that a number of Parties have not paid their contributions to the Rotterdam Convention general trust fund for 2024 and prior years, contrary to the provisions of paragraph 3 (a) of rule 5 of the financial rules of the Rotterdam Convention, and urges Parties to pay their outstanding contributions in full as soon as possible;

¹ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/41.

² UNEP/CHW.17/INF/73/Rev.1–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/43/Rev.1–UNEP/POPS/COP.12/INF/62/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.12/INF/44.

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to work directly with the permanent missions, ministries of foreign affairs and focal points of the Parties in that situation so that they fully pay their arrears and assessed contributions as soon as possible, and to present at regional meetings information on the current situation regarding arrears and their consequences;

11. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to work closely with the Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants to improve the timely communication of information on the payment of contributions, including arrears;

12. *Recalls* the provisions of paragraph 3 (e) of rule 5 of the financial rules with regard to contributions *due* from 1 January 2005 onwards and paragraph 11 of decision RC-11/15, and decides to continue the practice that no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments implemented in accordance with the financial rules;

13. *Also recalls* the provisions of paragraph 12 of decision RC-11/15, and decides that no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for four or more years and that has not agreed on or is not respecting a schedule of payments implemented in accordance with paragraph 3 (d) of rule 5 of the financial rules shall be eligible to receive financial support for attendance at intersessional workshops or other informal meetings, as arrears that have been outstanding for more than four years must be treated as 100 per cent doubtful debts under the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

14. *Notes* the efforts of the executive secretaries and the President of the Conference of the Parties, who through a jointly signed letter invited the ministers for foreign affairs of Parties with contributions in arrears to take timely action to rectify those arrears, requests that this practice continue, and thanks those Parties that have responded in a positive manner by paying their outstanding contributions;

15. *Adopts* the staffing table of the Secretariat for the biennium 2026–2027 used for costing purposes to set the overall budget, which is set out in table 3 of the present decision;

16. *Authorizes* the executive secretaries to continue to determine the staffing levels, numbers and structure of the Secretariat in a flexible manner, provided that positions remain at the same level or become lower, that the executive secretaries remain within the overall cost for the staff numbers set out in table 3 of the present decision for the biennium 2026–2027, and that the staffing does not cause any additional budget obligations to be incurred beyond that biennium;

17. *Authorizes*, on an exceptional basis, the executive secretaries, as a last resort, to draw additional funds, not exceeding 188,506 United States dollars, from the net balance of the general trust funds of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to cover any shortfall in the approved staffing envelope for the biennium 2026–2027, should the annual increase applied to real staff costs and used to determine the staffing envelope not be adequate, provided that the overall balance of the trust funds is not reduced below the working capital reserve, and requests the executive secretaries to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, as appropriate;

18. *Requests* the executive secretaries to report to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting on the level of positions filled against the approved staffing table;

II

Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions

19. *Takes note* of the funding estimates of 2,664,257 United States dollars for 2026 and 2,664,257 United States dollars for 2027, in table 1 of the present decision, for activities under the Convention to be financed from the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for the Rotterdam Convention (Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions);

20. *Notes* that the requirements for the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions presented in the budget represent the Secretariat's best efforts to be realistic and reflect priorities agreed on by all Parties, and urges Parties, and invites non-Parties and others, to

make voluntary contributions to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions;

21. *Notes* the importance of having funding available in the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions for the participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and of Parties with economies in transition in meetings under the Convention;

22. *Reiterates* that it looks forward to the outcomes of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme task force established to conduct an overall review of the current methodology for calculating and allocating programme support costs, which, once available, may be considered by the Conference of the Parties;

23. *Urges* Parties, and invites others in a position to do so, to contribute, as a matter of urgency and as early as feasible, to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions with a view to ensuring the full and effective participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and of Parties with economies in transition in the meetings of the Conference of the Parties;

24. *Invites* Switzerland to include in its contribution to the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions, referred to in paragraph 6 above, support for, among other things, the participation of developing-country Parties, in particular least developed countries and small island developing States, and of Parties with economies in transition in meetings under the Convention and in joint activities under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

III

Preparations for the next biennium

25. *Notes* the efforts since 2012 to enhance efficiency in the use of financial and human resources in the Secretariat and encourages the executive secretaries to continue such efforts in the future work of the Secretariat;

26. *Requests* the executive secretaries to prepare a budget for the biennium 2028–2029 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, explaining the key principles, assumptions and programmatic strategy on which the budget is based and presenting expenditures for the biennium 2026–2027 in a programmatic format;

27. *Also requests* the executive secretaries to determine the staffing levels, numbers and structure of the Secretariat in a staffing table and reflect the total actual costs in the budget of the Convention for the biennium 2028–2029;

28. *Notes* the need to facilitate priority-setting by providing Parties with timely information on the financial consequences of various options and, to that end, requests the executive secretaries to include in the proposed operational budget for the biennium 2028–2029 two funding scenarios that take into account any efficiencies identified as a result of paragraph 25 above and are based on:

(a) The executive secretaries' assessment of the required changes in the operational budget, which should not exceed a 5 per cent increase over the 2026–2027 level in nominal terms, to finance all proposals before the Conference of the Parties that have budgetary implications;

(b) Maintaining the operational budget at the 2026–2027 level in nominal terms;

29. *Requests* the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to report to the Conference of the Parties which activities were financed from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations contribution in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2026–2027, and to identify which activities are going to be implemented, funded or co-funded from that contribution in the programme of work and budget for the biennium 2028–2029;

30. *Requests* the executive secretaries, at the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to provide, where relevant, cost estimates for actions with budgetary implications that are not foreseen in the draft programme of work but are included in proposed draft decisions, before the adoption of those decisions by the Conference of the Parties;

31. *Also requests* the executive secretaries to allocate resources to fund the travel of participants from developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition on the basis of

the country classification lists developed by the United Nations Secretariat,⁴ in observance of paragraph 3 (b) of rule 4 of the financial rules;

32. *Stresses* the need to ensure that the proposal for the requirement for the Rotterdam Convention special trust fund for voluntary contributions for the biennium 2028–2029 presented in the budget is realistic and represents the agreed priorities of all Parties so as to encourage voluntary contributions from donors.

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⁴ See, for example, the *World Economic Situation and Prospects* annual report.

Table 1
Programme budget, reserves and financing for the biennium 2026–2027
(United States dollars)

Activity	General Trust Funds			Voluntary Trust Funds (*)		
	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm	Basel	Rotterdam	Stockholm
1 Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention	578 283	-	-	1 284 514	-	-
2 Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention	-	578 283	-	-	1 252 706	-
3 Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention	-	-	578 283	-	-	1 284 514
4 Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention	387 015	-	-	738 607	-	-
5 Chemical Review Committee	-	532 230	-	-	194 469	-
6 Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee	-	-	850 060	-	-	138 160
7 Bureaux of the Basel, Rotterdam, Stockholm conventions	13 801	13 801	13 801	-	-	-
8 Basel Convention Implementation and Compliance Committee	45 082	-	-	57 040	-	-
9 Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee	-	45 082	-	-	14 260	-
10 Stockholm Convention Compliance Committee	-	-	45 082	-	-	14 260
12 Support for Scientific Bodies	-	-	-	40 000	40 000	40 000
13 Technical assistance and capacity development	-	-	-	613 969	692 964	721 966
14 Basel Convention training and capacity development	-	-	-	5 350 800	-	-
15 Rotterdam Convention training and capacity development	-	-	-	-	1 376 000	-
16 Stockholm Convention training and capacity development	-	-	-	-	-	1 290 000
18 Partnerships	-	-	-	3 760 000	-	-
19 Basel and Stockholm convention support for regional centres	-	-	-	992 500	-	972 500
20 Basel Convention scientific support	311 000	-	20 000	650 000	-	-
21 Rotterdam Convention scientific support	-	86 000	-	-	78 000	-
22 Stockholm Convention scientific support	-	-	140 000	-	-	405 000
23 Stockholm Convention effectiveness evaluation and global monitoring plan	-	-	40 000	-	-	442 000
24 Basel and Stockholm convention national reporting	40 000	-	70 000	190 000	-	90 000
25 Clearing-house mechanism	42 480	93 240	42 480	100 000	165 000	100 000
26 Publications	23 766	23 766	23 766	54 584	54 584	54 584
27 Communication, outreach and public awareness	8 834	8 833	8 833	162 000	-	-
28 Executive direction, management and administration	148 600	238 600	244 600	-	-	-
29 International cooperation	6 667	6 667	6 667	-	-	-
30 Resource mobilization and financial mechanisms	-	-	-	78 000	40 500	114 500
31 Joint legal and policy activities	-	-	-	19 000	15 000	16 000
32 Basel Convention legal and policy activities	-	-	-	1 319 598	-	-
33 Rotterdam Convention legal and policy activities	-	-	-	-	60 000	-
34 Stockholm Convention legal and policy activities	-	-	-	-	-	50 000
35 Office maintenance and operational services	468 800	254 400	468 800	-	-	-
36 Information and communications technology (ICT) services	101 360	77 280	101 360	-	-	-
37 Staffing	7 223 849	5 970 882	8 804 520	2 007 139	732 016	732 016
Total approved programme of work (excluding programme support costs)	9 399 537	7 929 064	11 458 252	17 417 751	4 715 499	6 465 500
Programme support costs 13 per cent	1 221 940	1 030 778	1 489 573	2 264 308	613 015	840 515
Total approved programme of work (including programme support costs)	10 621 477	8 959 842	12 947 825	19 682 059	5 328 514	7 306 015

(*) Funding of the voluntary budget is subject to the availability of resources.

Funding from the general trust funds for the budget for the biennium 2026–2027**(United States dollars)**

	Notes	Basel Convention	Rotterdam Convention	Stockholm Convention	Total
Approved budgets for biennium 2026-2027					
Direct costs for the biennium 2026-2027		9 399 537	7 929 064	11 458 252	28 786 854
Programme support costs (13 per cent)		1 221 940	1 030 778	1 489 573	3 742 291
Total operational budget for the biennium 2026-2027		10 621 477	8 959 842	12 947 825	32 529 145
Working capital reserve (WCR)					
Current level of the WCR (15 per cent)		765 119	645 393	932 684	2 343 196
Required level of the WCR (15 per cent)		796 611	671 988	971 087	2 439 686
Change in the working capital reserve		31 492	26 595	38 403	96 490
Rotterdam Convention special contingency reserve					
Current level of the reserve			294 902		294 902
Required level of the reserve			333 902		333 902
Change in the reserve	(1)		39 000		39 000
Total resources required for the biennium 2026-2027		10 652 969	9 025 438	12 986 228	32 664 634
Approved funding of the budgets for the biennium 2026-2027					
Host country contributions of Switzerland (excluding the Swiss assessed contribution)	(2 3 4 5)		612 245	2 030 084	2 642 329
Host country contribution of Italy	(4 6)		1 224 490	-	1 224 490
Assessed contributions of Parties		10 652 969	7 188 703	10 956 144	28 797 815
Total proposed funding		10 652 969	9 025 438	12 986 228	32 664 634

Remarks:

- 1) The Rotterdam Convention's Special Contingency Reserve has been established to reserve the equivalent of one year's salary for the two full time positions provided as in-kind staff by FAO. The reserve is adjusted each biennium to reflect the changes in the budgeted staff costs at the Rome duty station.
- 2) Switzerland's host country contribution to the Rotterdam Convention is 1 200 000 euros for the biennium, of which 50 per cent is allocated to the general trust fund and 50 per cent is allocated to the special voluntary trust fund.
- 3) Switzerland's host country contribution to the Stockholm Convention is 4 000 000 Swiss francs for the biennium, of which 2 000 000 Swiss francs (including Switzerland's assessed contribution) is allocated to the general trust fund and 2 000 000 Swiss francs is allocated to the special voluntary trust fund.
- 4) The host country contributions for the Rotterdam Convention are pledged in euros and converted into United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.980 euros as of January 15, 2025.
- 5) The host country contributions for the Stockholm Convention are pledged in Swiss francs and converted into United States dollars using the United Nations operational rate of exchange of 1 United States dollar = 0.918 Swiss francs as of January 15, 2025.
- 6) Italy's host country contribution to the Rotterdam Convention's general trust fund is 1 200 000 euros for the biennium.

Table 2
Assessed contributions of Parties to the general trust funds for the operational budgets for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2026–2027

(United States dollars)

United Nations Secretariat			Basel Convention		Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention		
Party	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Rotterdam Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Stockholm Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027
	(1)	(2)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(4)	(4)
	Per cent	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars	Per cent	United States dollars	United States dollars
Afghanistan	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Albania	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Algeria	0.087	0.113	6 019	12 038	0.114	4 098	8 195	0.115	6 300	12 600
Andorra	0.004	0.005	267	533	-	-	-	-	-	-
Angola	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Argentina	0.490	0.638	33 983	67 966	0.640	23 004	46 008	0.646	35 388	70 776
Armenia	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Australia	2.040	2.656	141 471	282 942	2.664	95 754	191 507	2.689	147 305	294 610
Austria	0.626	0.815	43 411	86 822	0.818	29 402	58 804	0.825	45 194	90 388
Azerbaijan	0.034	0.044	2 344	4 687	-	-	-	0.045	2 465	4 930
Bahamas	0.015	0.020	1 066	2 131	-	-	-	0.020	1 096	2 191
Bahrain	0.050	0.065	3 462	6 924	0.065	2 337	4 673	0.066	3 616	7 231
Bangladesh	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Barbados	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Belarus	0.043	0.056	2 983	5 966	0.056	2 013	4 026	0.057	3 123	6 245
Belgium	0.773	1.007	53 638	107 275	1.010	36 303	72 606	1.019	55 822	111 643
Belize	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Benin	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Bhutan	0.001	0.001	54	107	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bolivia	0.018	0.023	1 225	2 450	0.024	863	1 725	0.024	1 315	2 629
(Plurinational State of)										
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.014	0.018	959	1 918	0.018	647	1 294	0.018	986	1 972
Botswana	0.013	0.017	906	1 811	0.017	611	1 222	0.017	932	1 863
Brazil	1.411	1.837	97 848	195 695	1.843	66 244	132 488	1.860	101 892	203 784
Brunei Darussalam	0.019	0.025	1 332	2 663	-	-	-	-	-	-

United Nations Secretariat		Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention		
Party	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Rotterdam Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Stockholm Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027
	(1)		(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Bulgaria	0.071	0.092	4 901	9 801	0.093	3 343	6 685	0.094	5 150	10 299
Burkina Faso	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Burundi	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Cabo Verde	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Cambodia	0.008	0.010	533	1 065	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Cameroon	0.014	0.018	959	1 918	0.018	647	1 294	0.018	986	1 972
Canada	2.543	3.311	176 360	352 719	3.321	119 368	238 736	3.352	183 625	367 249
Central African Republic	0.001	0.001	54	107	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Chad	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Chile	0.374	0.487	25 940	51 880	0.488	17 541	35 081	0.493	27 007	54 014
China	20.004	22.000	1 171 825	2 343 649	22.000	790 756	1 581 512	22.000	1 205 172	2 410 344
Colombia	0.197	0.257	13 689	27 378	0.257	9 238	18 475	0.260	14 243	28 486
Comoros	0.001	0.001	54	107	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Congo	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Cook Islands		0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Costa Rica	0.063	0.082	4 368	8 735	0.082	2 948	5 895	0.083	4 547	9 094
Côte d'Ivoire	0.024	0.031	1 651	3 302	0.031	1 114	2 228	0.032	1 753	3 506
Croatia	0.088	0.115	6 126	12 251	0.115	4 134	8 267	0.116	6 355	12 709
Cuba	0.122	0.159	8 469	16 938	0.159	5 715	11 430	0.161	8 820	17 639
Cyprus	0.035	0.046	2 450	4 900	0.046	1 654	3 307	0.046	2 520	5 040
Czechia	0.344	0.448	23 863	47 725	0.449	16 139	32 277	0.453	24 816	49 631
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Denmark	0.531	0.691	36 806	73 612	0.693	24 909	49 818	0.700	38 347	76 693
Djibouti	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Dominica	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Dominican Republic	0.069	0.090	4 794	9 588	0.090	3 235	6 470	0.091	4 985	9 970
Ecuador	0.065	0.085	4 528	9 055	0.085	3 055	6 110	0.086	4 711	9 422
Egypt	0.182	0.237	12 624	25 247	-	-	-	0.240	13 148	26 295
El Salvador	0.013	0.017	906	1 811	0.017	611	1 222	0.017	932	1 863
Equatorial Guinea	0.008	0.010	533	1 065	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Eritrea	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Estonia	0.045	0.059	3 143	6 285	0.059	2 121	4 241	0.059	3 232	6 464

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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Eswatini	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Ethiopia	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
European Union		2.500	133 162	266 324	2.500	89 859	179 717	2.500	136 952	273 903
Fiji	0.003		-	-		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Finland	0.386	0.503	26 792	53 584	0.504	18 116	36 231	0.509	27 884	55 767
France	3.858	5.023	267 549	535 098	5.039	181 119	362 238	5.085	278 559	557 118
Gabon	0.011	0.014	746	1 491	0.014	503	1 006	0.014	767	1 534
Gambia	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Georgia	0.009	0.012	639	1 278	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Germany	5.692	7.411	394 745	789 490	7.434	267 204	534 407	7.502	410 964	821 927
Ghana	0.025	0.033	1 758	3 515	0.033	1 186	2 372	0.033	1 808	3 616
Greece	0.280	0.365	19 442	38 883	0.366	13 156	26 311	0.369	20 214	40 428
Grenada	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Guatemala	0.046	0.060	3 196	6 392	0.060	2 157	4 313	0.061	3 342	6 683
Guinea	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Guinea-Bissau	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Guyana	0.011	0.014	746	1 491	0.014	503	1 006	0.014	767	1 534
Honduras	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Hungary	0.223	0.290	15 447	30 894	0.291	10 460	20 919	0.294	16 106	32 211
Iceland	0.035	0.046	2 450	4 900		-	-	0.046	2 520	5 040
India	1.106	1.440	76 702	153 403	1.444	51 903	103 805	1.458	79 870	159 740
Indonesia	0.579	0.754	40 162	80 323	0.756	27 174	54 347	0.763	41 798	83 595
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.386	0.503	26 792	53 584	0.504	18 116	36 231	0.509	27 884	55 767
Iraq	0.131	0.171	9 109	18 217	0.171	6 147	12 293	0.173	9 477	18 954
Ireland	0.472	0.615	32 758	65 516	0.616	22 141	44 282	0.622	34 074	68 147
Israel	0.609	0.793	42 239	84 478	0.795	28 575	57 150		-	-
Italy	2.813	3.663	195 109	390 218	3.674	132 057	264 113	3.707	203 072	406 143
Jamaica	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Japan	6.930	9.023	480 608	961 216	9.051	325 325	650 649	9.133	500 311	1 000 622
Jordan	0.021	0.027	1 438	2 876	0.027	971	1 941	0.028	1 534	3 068
Kazakhstan	0.131	0.171	9 109	18 217	0.171	6 147	12 293	0.173	9 477	18 954
Kenya	0.037	0.048	2 557	5 113	0.048	1 726	3 451	0.049	2 684	5 368
Kiribati	0.001	0.001	54	107		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Kuwait	0.222	0.289	15 394	30 787	0.290	10 424	20 847	0.293	16 051	32 101
Kyrgyzstan	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096

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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.006	0.008	426	852	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Latvia	0.050	0.065	3 462	6 924	0.065	2 337	4 673	0.066	3 616	7 231
Lebanon	0.022	0.029	1 545	3 089	0.029	1 043	2 085	0.029	1 589	3 177
Lesotho	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Liberia	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Libya	0.040	0.052	2 770	5 540	0.052	1 869	3 738	0.053	2 904	5 807
Liechtenstein	0.009	0.012	639	1 278	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Lithuania	0.081	0.105	5 593	11 186	0.106	3 810	7 620	0.107	5 862	11 723
Luxembourg	0.073	0.095	5 060	10 120	0.095	3 415	6 829	0.096	5 259	10 518
Madagascar	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Malawi	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Malaysia	0.326	0.425	22 638	45 275	0.426	15 312	30 624	-	-	-
Maldives	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Mali	0.005	0.006	320	639	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Malta	0.020	0.026	1 385	2 770	0.026	935	1 869	0.026	1 425	2 849
Marshall Islands	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Mauritania	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Mauritius	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Mexico	1.137	1.481	78 885	157 770	1.485	53 376	106 752	1.498	82 062	164 123
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001	0.001	54	107	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Monaco	0.011	0.014	746	1 491	-	-	-	0.014	767	1 534
Mongolia	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Montenegro	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Morocco	0.059	0.077	4 102	8 203	0.077	2 768	5 535	0.078	4 273	8 546
Mozambique	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Myanmar	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Namibia	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Nauru	0.001	0.001	54	107	-	-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Nepal	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)	1.298	1.690	90 018	180 035	1.695	60 924	121 848	1.711	93 730	187 459
New Zealand	0.302	0.393	20 933	41 866	0.394	14 162	28 323	0.398	21 803	43 605
Nicaragua	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Niger	0.004	0.005	267	533	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096

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	(1)		(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Nigeria	0.150	0.195	10 387	20 773	0.196	7 045	14 090	0.198	10 847	21 693
Niue			-	-		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
North Macedonia	0.008	0.010	533	1 065	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Norway	0.653	0.850	45 275	90 550	0.853	30 660	61 320	0.861	47 166	94 332
Oman	0.115	0.150	7 990	15 979	0.150	5 392	10 783	0.152	8 327	16 653
Pakistan	0.123	0.160	8 523	17 045	0.161	5 787	11 574	0.162	8 875	17 749
Palau	0.001	0.001	54	107		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Panama	0.086	0.112	5 966	11 931	0.112	4 026	8 051	0.113	6 190	12 380
Papua New Guinea	0.009	0.012	639	1 278		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Paraguay	0.023	0.030	1 598	3 196	0.030	1 079	2 157	0.030	1 644	3 287
Peru	0.145	0.189	10 067	20 134	0.189	6 794	13 587	0.191	10 463	20 926
Philippines	0.198	0.258	13 743	27 485	0.259	9 310	18 619	0.261	14 298	28 595
Poland	0.831	1.082	57 633	115 265	1.085	38 999	77 997	1.095	59 985	119 969
Portugal	0.328	0.427	22 744	45 488	0.428	15 384	30 768	0.432	23 665	47 330
Qatar	0.245	0.319	16 992	33 983	0.320	11 502	23 004	0.323	17 694	35 388
Republic of Korea	2.349	3.059	162 937	325 874	3.068	110 275	220 549	3.096	169 601	339 201
Republic of Moldova	0.006	0.008	426	852	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Romania	0.358	0.466	24 822	49 643	0.468	16 822	33 643	0.472	25 857	51 713
Russian Federation	2.094	2.727	145 253	290 506	2.735	98 306	196 611	2.760	151 195	302 389
Rwanda	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Saint Lucia	0.002	0.003	160	320		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Samoa	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
San Marino	0.002	0.003	160	320		-	-		-	-
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Saudi Arabia	1.217	1.585	84 425	168 849	1.589	57 114	114 228	1.604	87 868	175 736
Senegal	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Serbia	0.040	0.052	2 770	5 540	0.052	1 869	3 738	0.053	2 904	5 807
Seychelles	0.002	0.003	160	320		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Sierra Leone	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Singapore	0.479	0.624	33 237	66 474	0.626	22 501	45 001	0.631	34 567	69 133
Slovakia	0.149	0.194	10 334	20 667	0.195	7 009	14 018	0.196	10 737	21 474
Slovenia	0.077	0.100	5 327	10 653	0.101	3 631	7 261	0.101	5 533	11 066

United Nations Secretariat		Basel Convention			Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention		
Party	United Nations scale of assessment	Adjusted scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Rotterdam Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Stockholm Convention Adjusted Scale	Average annual contribution for biennium 2026–2027	Contribution for biennium 2026–2027
	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Solomon Islands	0.001	0.001	54	107		-	-	0.010	548	1 096
Somalia	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
South Africa	0.251	0.327	17 418	34 835	0.328	11 790	23 579	0.331	18 133	36 265
Spain	1.895	2.467	131 404	262 808	2.475	88 960	177 920	2.497	136 787	273 574
Sri Lanka	0.038	0.050	2 663	5 326	0.050	1 797	3 594	0.050	2 739	5 478
State of Palestine		0.011	586	1 172	0.011	396	791	0.011	603	1 205
Sudan	0.008	0.010	533	1 065	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Suriname	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Sweden	0.822	1.070	56 994	113 987	1.074	38 604	77 207	1.083	59 328	118 655
Switzerland	1.029	1.340	71 375	142 750	1.344	48 308	96 616	1.356	74 283	148 565
Syrian Arab Republic	0.006	0.008	426	852	0.010	360		0.010	548	1 096
Tajikistan	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Thailand	0.341	0.444	23 650	47 299	0.445	15 995	31 990	0.449	24 597	49 193
Togo	0.002	0.003	160	320	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Tonga	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Trinidad and Tobago	0.033	0.043	2 291	4 581	0.043	1 546		0.043	2 356	4 711
Tunisia	0.018	0.023	1 225	2 450	0.024	863	1 725	0.024	1 315	2 629
Türkiye	0.685	0.892	47 512	95 024	0.895	32 170	64 339	0.903	49 467	98 934
Turkmenistan	0.036	0.047	2 504	5 007		-	-		-	-
Tuvalu	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Uganda	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Ukraine	0.074	0.096	5 114	10 227	0.097	3 487	6 973	0.097	5 314	10 627
United Arab Emirates	0.574	0.747	39 789	79 578	0.750	26 958	53 915	0.756	41 414	82 828
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	3.991	5.197	276 817	553 634	5.212	187 338	374 675	5.260	288 146	576 291
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010	0.013	693	1 385	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Uruguay	0.079	0.103	5 487	10 973	0.103	3 702	7 404	0.104	5 697	11 394
Uzbekistan	0.024	0.031	1 651	3 302		-	-	0.032	1 753	3 506
Vanuatu	0.001	0.001	54	107	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.069	0.090	4 794	9 588	0.090	3 235	6 470	0.091	4 985	9 970
Viet Nam	0.159	0.207	11 026	22 052	0.208	7 476	14 952	0.209	11 449	22 898

United Nations Secretariat			Basel Convention		Rotterdam Convention			Stockholm Convention		
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	(1)	(2)	(4)		(3)	(4)		(3)	(4)	
Yemen	0.003	0.004	213	426	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Zambia	0.006	0.008	426	852	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Zimbabwe	0.007	0.009	480	959	0.010	360	719	0.010	548	1 096
Total per year		100.000	5 326 485	10 652 969	100.000	3 594 352	7 188 703	100.000	5 478 072	10 956 144

Notes:

- (1) United Nations scale of assessment as per resolution A/RES/79/249 of 24 December 2024 adopted by the General Assembly at its seventy-ninth session for the years 2025 to 2027.
- (2) As per rule 5 paragraph 1 (a) of the financial rules of the Basel Convention contributions made each year by Parties should be based on an indicative scale based on the United Nations scale approved by General Assembly and should be adjusted to ensure that: (i) no Party contributes less than 0.001 per cent of the total; (ii) no one contribution exceeds 22 per cent of the total; (iii) no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total.
- (3) As per rule 5 paragraph 1 (a) of the financial rules of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions contributions made each year by Parties should be based on an indicative scale based on the United Nations scale approved by General Assembly and should be adjusted to ensure that: (i) no Party contributes less than 0.01 per cent of the total; (ii) no one contribution exceeds 22 per cent of the total; (iii) no contribution from a least developed country Party exceeds 0.01 per cent of the total.
- (4) This is the annual contribution to be paid by the Parties both in 2026 and 2027. It is the same for both years and is based on the total required funds for the biennium and the average requirement for the year.

Table 3
Indicative staffing table for the Secretariat for the biennium 2026–2027 funded from the general trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

Staff category and level	<u>Funding Source</u>		Programme support costs	Total
	General trust funded	In-kind by FAO		
A. Professional categories				
D-2 level	1.00	0.25		1.25
D-1 level	1.00			1.00
P-5 level	7.00			7.00
P-4 level	7.00		2.00	9.00
P-3 level	17.00	1.00		18.00
P-2 level	2.00			2.00
Subtotal A	35.00	1.25	2.00	38.25
B. General Service category				
GS	12.00	1.25	6.00	19.25
Subtotal B	12.00	1.25	6.00	19.25
Total (A+B)	47.00	2.50	8.00	57.50
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(3)	

Remarks:

- (1) Core funded positions are funded from the general trust funds and are assessed to the Parties.
- (2) Posts provided by FAO as an in-kind contribution to the Rotterdam Convention Secretariat.
- (3) Posts funded from programme support costs are levied on both assessed (core) and voluntary contributions.

Indicative staffing table for the Secretariat for the biennium 2026–2027 funded from the technical cooperation/voluntary special trust funds (used for costing purposes only)

Staff category and level	Funding Source	
	Voluntary trust funds	Total
A. Professional categories		
D-2 level		
D-1 level		
P-5 level		
P-4 level		
P-3 level	2.00	2.00
P-2 level	2.00	2.00
Subtotal A	4.00	4.00
B. General Service category		
GS	5.00	5.00
Subtotal B	5.00	5.00
Total (A+B)	9.00	9.00
Remarks	(1)	

Remarks:

- (1) Voluntary funded posts will only be filled if sufficient voluntary funding becomes available. Additional voluntary funded positions may be created to support the implementation of voluntary funded projects as required and subject to the availability of resources.

Projected staff costs for the Geneva and Rome duty stations for the biennium 2026–2027**(United States dollars)****Duty Station: Geneva**

Staff category and level	2024	2025	2026	2027	2026–2027
A. Professional categories					
D-2/D-1 level	355 268	364 683	374 348	384 269	758 617
P-5 level	290 306	297 999	305 896	314 003	619 899
P-4 level	249 282	255 888	262 670	269 631	532 301
P-3 level	213 773	219 439	225 255	231 225	456 480
P-2 level	180 781	185 572	190 490	195 538	386 028
B. General Service category					
GS	164 532	168 892	173 368	177 963	351 331
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

Remarks:

- (1) The costs for 2024 have been determined based on actual staff costs and staff entitlements incurred. The 2024 costs serve as the basis for projecting staff costs for future years.
- (2) Staff costs for 2025, 2026, 2027 have been estimated by incrementing the actual 2024 costs by 2.65 per cent per annum to provide for salary step increases, inflation, the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on post adjustment and any other unexpected changes in staff costs. On an exceptional basis, the Executive Secretary is authorized, as a last resort, to draw additional funds, not exceeding 188,506 United States dollars, from the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions' three general trust funds' net balance to cover any shortfall from the approved staffing envelope for the biennium 2026-2027, should the annual increase applied to real staff costs and used to determine the staffing envelope not be adequate, provided that they are not reduced below the working capital reserve.

Duty station: Rome

Staff category and level	2024	2025	2026	2027	2026–2027
A. Professional categories					
P-5 level	259 428	266 303	273 361	280 606	553 967
P-4 level	251 782	258 455	265 305	272 336	537 641
P-3 level	185 970	190 899	195 958	201 151	397 109
P-2 level	149 908	153 881	157 959	162 145	320 104
B. General Service category					
GS	124 110	127 399	130 776	134 242	265 018
Remarks	(1)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)

Remarks:

- (1) The costs for 2024 have been determined based on actual staff costs and staff entitlements incurred. The 2024 costs serve as the basis for projecting staff costs for future years.
- (2) Staff costs for 2025, 2026, 2027 have been estimated by incrementing the actual 2024 costs by 2.65 per cent per annum to provide for salary step increases, inflation, the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on post adjustment and any other unexpected changes in staff costs. On an exceptional basis, the Executive Secretary is authorized, as a last resort, to draw additional funds, not exceeding 188,506 United States dollars, from the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions' three general trust funds' net balance to cover any shortfall from the approved staffing envelope for the biennium 2026-2027, should the annual increase applied to real staff costs and used to determine the staffing envelope not be adequate, provided that they are not reduced below the working capital reserve.