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Outcomes of the 2017 COPs and update on the programmes of work of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

*– A future detoxified: sound
management of chemicals and waste –*

Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam
and Stockholm Conventions



Highlights



Opening ceremony



High-level Segment Participants



High-level Panel



Basel COP-13

- Adopted 24 Decisions
- Established a New Partnership
- Adopted 6 Technical Guidelines
- Included “marine litter” in the programme of work of OEWG





Basel COP-13:



- *Adopted* **6 Technical Guidelines on POPs wastes** (General, Pesticides, U-POPs, HCBd, PCN, PCP)
- *Adopted* **“Practical manuals for the promotion of ESM of wastes”**
- *Adopted* **“Glossary of terms”** on the distinction between wastes and non-wastes
- *Adopted* **“Guidance on developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal”**



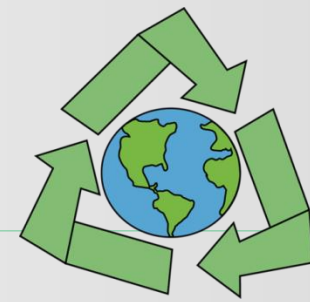
Basel COP-13:



- *Adopted* **“Guidance on the implementation of the Basel Convention provisions dealing with illegal traffic”**
- *Adopted* **“Guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface”**
- *Adopted*, on an interim basis, section 3 of **“Guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment”**
- **Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE)** working group successfully completed its work



Basel COP-13:



- *Adopted* the terms of reference of the **Household Wastes Partnership**
- *Launched* a process for the **review of several Annexes**
- *Agreed* on a revised process for the final evaluation of the **strategic framework**
- *Adopted* the work programme of OEWG for 2018-2019, including new work on **marine plastic litter and microplastics** and **waste containing nanomaterials**

Rotterdam COP-8



- Adopted 17 Decisions
- Included 3 new chemicals in Annex III



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Rotterdam COP-8:



- **Listed 4 chemicals in Annex III, approved decision guidance documents:**
 - Carbofuran (pesticide)
 - Trichlorfon (pesticide)
 - Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (industrial)
 - Tributyltin compounds (industrial)
- **Amendments entered into force for all Parties on 15 September 2017**



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Rotterdam COP-8:



- ***Agreed*** that all requirements for listing of chemicals have been met for the following chemicals, deferred decision on listing to COP-9:
 - Carbosulfan (pesticide)
 - Fenthion formulations (SHPF)
 - Chrysotile asbestos (industrial) (decision RC-3/3)
 - Paraquat formulations (SHPF) (decision RC-6/8)

Rotterdam COP-8:



- ***Established a working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention to:***
 - Identify a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
 - Develop a report identifying further steps for consideration by COP-9

- ***Deferred the decision on compliance to COP-9***



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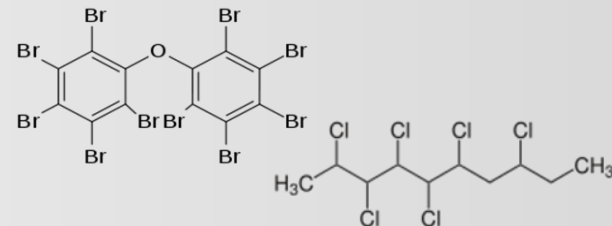
Stockholm COP-8



- Adopted 27 decisions
- Included 2 New chemicals in the convention
- Undertook an effectiveness evaluation of the Convention



Stockholm COP-8:



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- **Listed the following chemicals:**

CHEMICAL	ANNEX	SPECIFIC EXEMPTIONS
Decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vehicles (with further specification)• Aircraft and spare parts for aircraft• Textile products• Plastic housings and parts for heating appliances• Polyurethane foam for building insulation
Short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCPs)	A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additives in the production of transmission belts• Spare parts of rubber conveyor belts• Leather industry• Lubricant additives• Tubes for outdoor decoration bulbs• Waterproofing and fire-retardant paints• Adhesives; Metal processing• Secondary plasticizers in flexible PVC
Hexachlorobutadiene	C	(Unintentional production)



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Stockholm COP-8:



- *Evaluation on the continued need for DDT:* **countries that rely on indoor residual spraying for disease vector control may need DDT for that purpose**
- *Evaluation of the continued need for the specific exemptions for BDEs:* **urged Parties to take determined steps to ensure that BDEs are not introduced into articles, in particular consumer products such as children's toys**
- *Welcomed* **“Consolidated guidance on alternatives to PFOS and its related chemicals”**
- *Welcomed* **“Guidance on BAT/BEP” for PFOS, brominated diphenyl ethers and hexabromocyclododecane**



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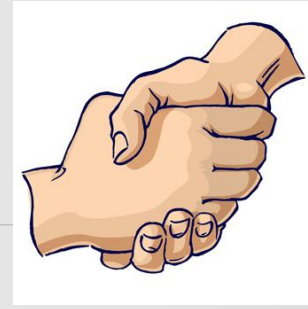


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- *Welcomed* “Report on the effectiveness evaluation of the Stockholm Convention” and “Second global monitoring report”
- *Took note* of the **12** priority areas for action to address implementation challenges identified by the effectiveness evaluation committee
- *Adopted* additional guidance to the financial mechanism
- *Appointed* **17** new POPRC members (2018-2022)
- *Deferred* the decision on compliance to COP-9



Joint issues:



Technical assistance

- *Welcomed* **Technical Assistance plan for 2018-2021**
- *Emphasized* the role of the **regional centres, UNEP and FAO regional offices and other IOMC organizations** in delivering technical assistance

Synergies in combating illegal traffic and trade

- *Welcomed* the **analysis on possible synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, building on lessons learned under the Basel Convention**
- *Urged* Parties to strengthen action under the conventions, including cooperation with other Parties, **to combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes**



Joint issues:



Enhancing cooperation among the BRS conventions

- *Welcomed* the **reports on synergies reviews**
- *Requested* the Secretariat to **continue to seek opportunities for enhanced coordination and cooperation among the BRS conventions**

International cooperation

- *Requested* the Secretariat to **continue to enhance cooperation and coordination with the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention and the SAICM secretariat** as well as other international organizations in areas of relevance to the conventions



Joint issues:



Clearing-house mechanism

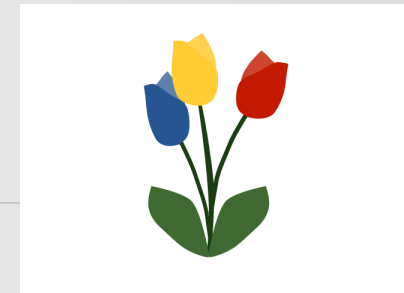
- *Requested* the Secretariat to start the work to **implement the strategy and workplan**, continue to enhance cooperation with existing partners, and keep the strategy under regular review

From science to action

- *Emphasized* the importance of, and the need to enhance, the **interaction between scientists, policymakers and other actors** in the policy process to promote exchange, development and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of achieving more informed decision-making for reaching the objectives of the conventions



Joint issues:



Mainstreaming gender

- *Welcomed* the **Secretariat's gender action** plan and requested Secretariat to continue its gender mainstreaming efforts

Programmes of work and budgets

- *Approved* the **budgets of the conventions for 2018-19**
- *Invited* the **Executive Secretary to continue cooperating with the interim secretariat of the Minamata Convention** on programmatic matters and to provide any secretariat support that may be requested and is fully funded by the COP to the Minamata Convention



**Update on
implementation of the
programmes of work and
intersessional work**



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Intersessional work

GROUP	MEETING
Expert Group on Environmentally Sound Management	13-15 Nov 2017 Accra, Ghana
Expert Working Group on the E-waste Technical Guidelines	Jan 2018 (TBC) China
Working group of the Household Waste Partnership	Early 2018 (TBC) Port Louis, Mauritius
Expert working group on the review of the Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX	Early 2018 (TBC)
Open-ended Working Group	4-7 Sept 2018 Geneva, Switzerland
Implementation and Compliance Committee	Sept 2018 (after OEWG) Geneva , Switzerland



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Intersessional work

GROUP	MEETING
SIWG on the strategic framework	Work electronically
SIWG to update the technical guidelines on POPs wastes	Work electronically
SIWG to update the technical guidelines on incineration on land and specially engineered landfill	Work electronically



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Intersessional work

GROUP	MEETING
Chemical Review Committee	23-27 October 2017 Rome, Italy
Working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention	May/June 2018



Intersessional work

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GROUP	MEETING
Expert meeting on BAT and BEP and on the Toolkit for the Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and other Unintentional POPs	3-5 Oct 2017 Vienna, Austria
POPs Review Committee	17-20 Oct 2017 Rome, Italy
Expert meeting on the Global Monitoring Plan Guidance Document	7-9 Nov 2017 Brno, Czech Republic
SIWG on PCB to prepare the report on progress towards elimination of PCB	Work electronically
SIWG for the development of the manual for Article 15 national reporting	Work electronically



Intersessional work

GROUP

Annual joint meeting to enhance cooperation and coordination between the regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions

MEETING

6-7 November 2017
Barcelona, Spain



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