

## OEWG-V/6: Synergies

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Recalling* its decision OEWG-IV/10 in which it requested the Secretariat to cooperate with 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 exploring cooperation and synergies, taking into account decision SC-1/18 of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention, and to make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting,

*Recognizing* that there is further need for consideration of the substance of the proposals contained in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on improving cooperation and synergies,<sup>1</sup> as well as the study prepared by the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention<sup>2</sup> and the supplementary financial analysis prepared by the United Nations Environment Programme pursuant to decision RC-2/6 of the Conference of the Parties of the Rotterdam Convention,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting* the recent adoption of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management,

*Noting also* the need carefully to take into account the autonomy of conferences of the parties in any decisions on synergies,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to send the annex to the note by the Secretariat,<sup>4</sup> which contains useful preliminary information that has not yet been fully considered by the Open-ended Working Group, to the Secretariats of both the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and to invite them to make the document available as an information paper to their respective conferences of the parties and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme;

2. *Invites* Parties to transmit to the Secretariat comments and proposals on the annex to the Secretariat's note<sup>5</sup> by 31 July 2006;

3. *Directs* the Secretariat to compile the comments and proposals it receives pursuant to paragraph 2 above for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to transmit to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its eighth meeting the annex to the Secretariat's note,<sup>6</sup> the Stockholm Secretariat study<sup>7</sup> and the United Nations Environment Programme supplementary financial analysis,<sup>8</sup> as well as any relevant decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention at its second meeting and the Conference of the Parties of the Rotterdam Convention at its third meeting and the final recommendations requested in decision OEWG-IV/10;

5. *Invites* the Secretariats of the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions and the United Nations Environment Programme to enhance cooperation on a mutually inclusive basis on synergies across the three Conventions;

6. *Invites* Parties to coordinate fully at the national level on cooperation and synergies so that the Conferences of the Parties of the Stockholm, Rotterdam and Basel Conventions can take harmonized complementary decisions.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/OEWG/5/2/Add.8.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG/5/INF/17 (incorporating UNEP/POPS/COP.2/25 and UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/12).

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/18.

<sup>4</sup> UNEP/OEWG/5/2/Add.8.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG/5/INF/17 (incorporating UNEP/POPS/COP.2/25 and UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/12).

<sup>8</sup> UNEP/POPS/COP.2/INF/18.