Role and Mandate of the Chemical Review Committee
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Establishment: Provisions

Article 18 paragraph 6
- COP to establish CRC
- It’s members
- Terms of Reference
- Organization
- Operation

Decision RC-1/6
- 31 Govt. designated members
- Experts in chemicals management
Establishment: Composition

Equitable geographical distribution across 5 UN regions

Balance between developed and developing parties

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Half of the members are changed every 2 years

- Ensure consistency and continuity
- Current committee:
  - 17 members serve from CRC 10 - 13
  - 14 members serve from CRC 12 – 15

Each member serves for 4 years
Establishment - Membership

Parties first nominate experts

COP to appoint the nominees

- e.g.: COP 8 appointed 17 experts to serve from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2022

A member must resign if unable to serve full term
## Mandate

### Relevant Provisions of the Convention

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Annex I: Information requirements for Notifications

Annex II: Criteria for Listing Chemicals in Annex III

Annex IV: Information and criteria for listing SHPFs in Annex III

- Part 1. Documentation required from a proposing Party
- Part 2. Information to be collected by the Secretariat
- Part 3. Criteria for listing SHPFs in Annex III
Role

- Recommendations on inclusion of chemicals in Annex III
  - Review notifications against criteria in Annex II

- Recommendations on inclusion of SHPFs
  - Review proposals of SHPFs against Annex IV part 3 criteria

- Preparation of draft DGDs for chemicals/SHPFs recommended for listing
Role

Recommendations on removal of Annex III chemicals

- Review information not available at the time of a decision to list the chemical that indicate its listing may no longer be justified
- Revise DGD accordingly
- Submit for COP approval
Operational aspects

- Rules of procedure for the COP applies to the CRC
- Committee to strive for consensus in decision making
  - Possibility of voting (2/3 majority) if consensus cannot be reached
- Requires declaration of conflict of interest
- Members to serve in their individual capacity and not as national representatives
- Working procedures and policy guidance are developed based on the experiences of the Committee
Meetings

- Annual meeting – generally convened in October; either Rome or Geneva

- Language: English - except draft decision guidance documents which are in six UN languages

- Open to observers

- Normally held over a period of one week
Operational aspects

Chair and Bureau

- Five Bureau members representing the five UN regions
- Bureau members elected by the CRC
- Chair to be elected by the COP upon recommendation from the CRC
- Secretariat facilitates the work of Chair and the Bureau
  - preparing agenda for the meeting
  - undertaking preliminary review of notifications to identify priorities for the work of the Committee
Thank you!

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