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Note by the Secretariat

The annexes to the present note contain a tentative schedule of work of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (annex I) and a list of possible contact and other groups (annex II). The tentative schedule of work, which was agreed to by the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions at their joint meeting on 15 and 16 November 2018, is provisional and could be subject to changes before or during the two weeks of the meetings.¹ The present note, including its annexes, has not been formally edited.

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¹ Participants may wish to take into account that each of the sessions of the conferences of the Parties may last longer or begin earlier, subject to the decisions taken by the bureaux, which would be expected to meet each morning from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. to agree on the order of business for the day, and by the conferences of the Parties. Delegates are therefore advised to allow for a certain level of flexibility when making travel arrangements.

Annex I: Tentative schedule of work of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties from 29 April to 10 May 2019 in Geneva¹

	Mon, 29 April 2019	Tue, 30 April 2019	Wed, 1 May 2019	Thu, 2 May 2019	Fri, 3 May 2019	Sat, 4 May 2019
Morning session 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	BC Item 1: Opening of the BC meeting BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>
	RC Item 1: Opening of the RC meeting RC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 4 (cont.)	Session of SC COP-9: Item 5 (cont.)	Session of SC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of BC COP-14: Item 4 (cont.)	Session of BC COP-14: Item 4 (cont.)
	SC Item 1: Opening of the SC meeting SC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda	BC Item 4 (cont.) (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (only POPs wastes)	(a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (ii) DDT; (iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls;	Item 5 (cont.) (i) Effectiveness evaluation; (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (v) Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2(b) of Article 3.	(b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (excluding POPs wastes) (a) Strategic issues: (i) Strategic framework; (ii) Addressing the entry into force of the Ban Amendment; (iii) Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management; (iv) Cartagena Declaration	(c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) Providing further legal clarity (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (v) Marine plastic litter and microplastics; ² (iv) Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents; (vi) Waste containing nanomaterials.
	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work (a) Election of officers (c) Credentials ³ BC Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (d) Technical assistance RC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (e) Technical assistance SC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (f) Technical assistance BC Item 4 (cont.) (f) Financial resources RC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Financial resources SC Item 5 (cont.) (g) Financial resources and mechanisms	SC Item 5 (cont.) (c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes BC Item 5; RC Item 6; SC Item 6: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (a) International cooperation and coordination; (b) Clearing house mechanism for information exchange; (c) Mainstreaming gender; (d) Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes (e) From science to action. BC Item 7; RC Item 8; SC Item 8: MOU between UNEP and BC COP; MOU between FAO, UNEP and RC COP; MOU between UNEP and SC COP BC Item 8; RC Item 9; SC Item 9: Venue and date of the next COPs BC Item 9; RC Item 10; SC Item 10: Other matters (only admission of observers and guidelines on preventing harassment)	Session of SC COP-9: Item 4: Rules of procedure Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance; (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (i) Exemptions; (iv) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;	Session of SC COP-9: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (d) Implementation plans; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;	Session of SC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 10 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and guidelines on preventing harassment)	Session of SC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Adoption of the sections of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs⁴</i>
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	Joint sessions of the COPs: BC item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (i) Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention RC Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance SC Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7: Programme of work and budget	Session of SC COP-9: Item 4: Rules of procedure Item 5 (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (i) Exemptions; (iv) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;	Session of SC COP-9: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (d) Implementation plans; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;	Session of SC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 10 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and guidelines on preventing harassment)	Session of SC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Adoption of the sections of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs⁴</i>	Session of BC COP-14: Item 4 (cont.) (b) Scientific and technical matters (cont.): (ii) Classification and hazard characterization of wastes; (iii) National reporting; (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters (cont.): (iii) National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

¹ Items listed in the tentative schedule are from the provisional agendas of the meetings (UNEP/CHW.14/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/1; UNEP/POPS/COP.9/1).

² This item will cover the proposals submitted by Norway to amend annexes II, VIII and IX of the Basel Convention.

³ The bureaux of the conferences of the Parties have agreed that, when examining credentials, they would accept, in addition to original credentials in good order, copies of credentials on the understanding that original credentials would be submitted as soon as possible. Each Bureau would present its report to the respective Conference of the Parties in the afternoon of Thursday, 9 May 2019.

⁴ The conferences of the Parties are scheduled to meet in joint sessions to adopt the section of their report covering the joint sessions held on Monday, 29 April 2019 and on the morning of Tuesday, 30 April 2019.

⁵ This item will cover the proposals submitted by the Russian Federation to amend Article 8 and Annex D of the Stockholm Convention.

	Sun, 5 May 2019	Mon, 6 May 2019	Tue, 7 May 2019	Wed, 8 May 2019	Thu, 9 May 2019	Fri, 10 May 2019
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	No formal meetings	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Reports of contact groups</i>
		Session of BC COP-14: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 4 (cont.) (g) Work programme of the OEWG for 2020–2021 Item 9 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and guidelines on preventing harassment)	Session of RC COP-9: Item 5 (cont.) (d) Compliance ⁶ ; (cont.) (c) Enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention ⁷ ; (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention;	Session of RC COP-9: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention (cont.); Item 4: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties Item 5 (cont.) (a) Status of implementation	Session of RC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of RC COP-9: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 11: Adoption of the report
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	No formal meetings	Session of BC COP-14: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Session of BC COP-14: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i> Item 10: Adoption of the report	Session of RC COP-9: Item 10 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and guidelines on preventing harassment) <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i>	Joint sessions of the COPs: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the joint contact groups, adoption of the reports on credentials and adoption of outstanding decisions</i>	Adoption of BC budget decision
						Adoption of RC budget decision
						Adoption of SC budget decision
						BC Item 11; RC Item 12; SC Item 12: Closure of the meetings

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Rotterdam Convention Conference of the Parties (RC COP)	
Joint sessions of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties	

⁶ This item will cover the proposal submitted by Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Jordan, Mali, Nigeria, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia to add a new Annex VII to the Rotterdam Convention.

⁷ This item will cover the proposals to amend Article 16 and Article 22 of the Rotterdam Convention which were submitted prior to the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties by Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe in the case of Article 16, and by Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia in the case of Article 22.

Annex II: Possible contact and other groups at the meetings of the conferences of the Parties from 29 April to 10 May 2019 in Geneva

The following contact and other groups have been tentatively identified and may be established during the two-week period of the meetings, and meet during a set amount of time, as needed. The total number of groups meeting at any one time would need to be limited to ensure that there is adequate opportunity for the interests of all delegations to be factored into the discussions. The groups are expected to complete their work by the day before the last convention-specific session in order to allow for adoption of decisions as much as possible by the end of convention-specific sessions they relate to.

1) Joint contact and other groups:

- Group on programmes of work and budgets
- Group on joint issues
- Group on technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms

2) Stockholm Convention-specific contact and other groups:

- Group on listing of chemicals
- Group on compliance

3) Basel Convention-specific contact and other groups:

- Group on technical matters
- Group on strategic matters
- Group on compliance and legal matters
- Group on marine plastic litter and microplastics

4) Rotterdam Convention-specific contact and other groups:

- Group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention
 - Group on the listing of chemicals
 - Group on compliance
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