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| <b>Convention: RC</b>   |                                    | <b>Support and facilitation to the submission of notifications with a view to help countries increase the number of their notifications</b> |
| <b>LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:</b>   |                                    |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>PoW activity 21</i></li> <li>• <i>COP 6 ref doc 6/16, proposals to increase notifications</i></li> <li>• Related COP decisions: RC 5/2</li> <li>• Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention</li> </ul>  |                                    |   |
| <b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION:</b>  |                                    |   |
| <p>Under Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention, parties are required to notify the Secretariat of final regulatory actions. Some parties have not done so, however, owing to certain challenges and circumstances. The reasons that parties do not submit notifications of final regulatory action may differ from one party to another. They could include, for instance, inadequate technical and institutional capacity, as well as limited human and financial resources. Issues relating to notifications are further described in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.4/11 and UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.5/4. To increase the number of notifications of final regulatory action submitted, the Secretariat proposes to build on existing activities and materials currently available to enhance their effectiveness, to continue, in the context of technical assistance activities, to work with parties on the submission of notifications of final regulatory action and to emphasize the importance of notifications for the effectiveness of the prior informed consent procedure and the implementation of the Convention. It is possible that more notifications would be received if a deeper understanding of the notification process, benefits of notifications, the Convention and the information requirements contained in Annex I is ensured. These topics are already addressed in technical assistance activities undertaken by the Secretariat, and the Secretariat will continue to ensure that notifications are addressed in national, subregional and regional workshops and that more emphasis and time are allocated to notifications when working with parties, with more focus on the preparation and submission of the notification process.</p> |                                    |   |
| <b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:</b>  |                                    |   |
| <p>Support to Parties with a view to helping them increase their notifications will be performed in two main steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop additional training, survey and guidance material, (such as on bridging) as appropriate, and be in touch with DNAs to support them in their efforts in submitting notifications;</li> <li>2. Contact regional centres and FAO field offices frequently for information on actions taken by Parties related to chemicals; send periodic reminders to DNAs; prepare a survey to identify parties with legislation on industrial chemicals that provides for the ban or severe restriction of those chemicals.</li> </ol>  |                                    |   |
| <b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:</b>  |                                    |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notification submission process is facilitated and further awareness is raised on the importance of submitting notifications;</li> <li>• Better use of available guidance achieved, through better channelization of resources;</li> <li>• Technical assistance activities are further targeted to areas where there is request for support (e.g.in the area of submission of notifications).</li> </ul>   |                                    |   |
| <b>VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014-2015</b>   |                                    |   |
| <b>10</b>   | <b>PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT</b> |   |
| <i>1200</i>   | <i>Consultants</i>                 | <i>16,000</i>   |
| <b>52</b>   | <b>MISCELLANEOUS COMPONENT</b>     |   |
| <i>5200</i>   | <i>Translation</i>                 | <i>15,000</i>   |
| <b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>   |                                    | <b>31,000</b>   |
| <b>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</b>  |                                    | <b>4,030</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>   |                                    | <b>35,030</b>   |