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### PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

<b>CONVENTIONS :</b>		<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Orientation workshop for members of the Chemical Review Committee	
<b>FUNDING OPTIONS:</b>		<b>TYPE / LOCATION</b>	<b>TARGETED COUNTRIES:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Members of the Chemical Review Committee from developing countries and countries with economies in transition
Project start date: 01/01/2016		Project completion date: 30/09/2016	Total duration: 9 months
<b>LEGAL BASIS AND MANDATE</b>			
Activity 5 (RC): Twelfth and thirteenth meetings of the Chemical Review Committee (CRC) and orientation workshop for CRC members RC-7/3: Operation of the Chemical Review Committee			
<b>BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION</b>			
<p>The seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (COP-7) in May 2015 in decision RC-7/3 identified 14 parties to designate experts to serve on the CRC for terms of office from 2016 to 2020. This rotation will constitute a Committee with half of the number of experts serving for the first time on the Committee at CRC-12 in 2016. The operation of the CRC involves many specific procedures and policies. In order for new members to fully participate in the pre-session and in-session work it is extremely helpful for the members to have a hands-on orientation workshop. The previous three orientation workshops were considered as very effective and therefore continually requested by the CRC members.</p> <p>The purpose of the workshop is to familiarize new members with the role and mandate of the Committee and its bureau as well as its operational procedures. The workshop will provide a platform to exchange experience and transfer knowledge related to the Committee's work. It will also help to foster efficient working relationships among members of the Committee.</p>			
<b>PROPOSED ACTIVITIES</b>			
<p>The Secretariat will organize a workshop in April/May 2016 with the participation of all CRC members at that time. The workshop will be convened over 3 days through a series of plenary sessions and breakout groups. Plenary sessions will allow for the introduction of the key elements of the working procedures and policy guidance.</p> <p>The work in breakout groups will provide an opportunity to gain practical experience through case studies on the review of notifications in the light of the information requirements and criteria of the Convention as well as on the preparation of decision guidance documents. Experience from the individual breakout groups will be shared and discussed in plenary.</p> <p>The discussions in plenary and in the breakout groups and the presence of some experienced CRC experts will provide an opportunity for the members of the Committee to share their experience and lessons learned in the work of the Committee.</p>			
<b>RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED</b>			
<b>Expected results:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants will be familiar with the operation of the CRC in particular the working procedures and policy guidance developed to facilitate its work.</li> <li>Participants will have shared experience, the challenges and lessons learned in the work of the Committee.</li> <li>Participants will also be informed about the preparations for the forthcoming session of the CRC, in particular they will have a clear understanding of the pre-session work required.</li> </ol>			
<b>Indicators of success:</b>			
Level of participation of new members in the pre-session work of the CRC and in the upcoming CRC meetings.			

<b>Means of verification:</b> Reporting to CRC12 and COP8	
<b>PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY AND REPLICABILITY</b>	
The activity is designed as a capacity-building activity. It will allow new members to fully participate in the work of the Committee throughout their terms. It will improve the consistency, transparency and the effectiveness of the Chemical Review Committee.	
<b>GENDER MAINSTREAMING</b>	
The members of the Committee are nominated by their governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties on the basis of their expertise in chemicals management and equitable geographical distribution. Among the current 31 Committee members 13 are female. In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, in the nomination process of participants to the meetings, the Secretariat will encourage a balanced gender representation within delegations.	
<b>OUTREACH AND INFORMATION SHARING</b>	
Detailed information on the project will be posted on the website of the Convention, including the dates and venue of meeting. The results will be reported back to the CRC and the COP.	
<b>BUDGET [USD] FOR 2016-2017</b>	
STAFF PERSONNEL	-
CONTRACTUAL SERVICE	-
TRAVEL	89,535
EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES, FURNITURE	-
OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	-
GRANTS OUT	-
<b>DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>89,535</b>
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%	11,640
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET</b>	<b>101,175</b>