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Information Note from the President

The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants requested me, as President, in consultation with the Presidents and secretariats of the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions, to ensure that a supplementary report is produced on coordination and cooperation among the three treaty secretariats (ref.: the report of the meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.2/30), annex I, decision SC-2/15).

I have been asked to submit the report to an ad hoc joint working group, comprised of 15 representatives of the parties to the Stockholm Convention and 15 representatives each of the Parties to the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions. The ad hoc joint working group can only be established should the other two conventions agree.

If agreed by the Conferences of the Parties to the other conventions, the ad hoc joint working group would consider the report and prepare recommendations on enhanced cooperation and coordination among the three conventions.

By way of this present note I would like to outline how the process is proceeding, with a view to keeping informed all those with an interest.

Over the month of June 2006 I began consultations. To date representatives of all three treaty secretariats as well as UNEP (Chemicals) have had the opportunity of preliminary discussions with me. In addition, I have begun consulting interested parties and held talks with one regional organization.

Vice Presidents of the Stockholm Convention

Cc: President of the Rotterdam Convention
President of the Basel Convention
Acting Executive Secretary of the Stockholm Convention
Joint Executive Secretaries of the Rotterdam Convention
Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention
Executive Director, UNEP
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It is my expectation that by early July 2006 a preliminary round of consultations will be sufficiently advanced to begin to prepare the first draft of a paper on key elements of the supplementary report.

Around the end of July, I will ask the secretariat of the Stockholm Convention to issue through you, the Convention's bureau, an invitation for you to facilitate the nomination of 3 representatives from your region to comprise the Stockholm Convention's contribution to the ad hoc working group. I will ask that the invitation be copied to the Presidents of the Basel and Rotterdam Conventions, so that they might consult with the Parties to their respective conventions, if they wish to do so.

It is my intention to continue consultations following release of the first draft of a key elements paper that I would hope to complete by the end of August. I would wish to share the paper with you, the bureau, for information and further input by email. I might then expect further research and refinement leading to a revised edition. It would be my aim to complete the second version of the paper, if possible, before the Rotterdam Convention convenes its third meeting of its Conference of the Parties in October 2006, and to circulate it back to you and to the Presidents of the Rotterdam and Basel Conventions for information.

Should the above process proceed as planned, the paper would then form the basis for the supplemental report to be submitted to the ad hoc joint working group.

Yours sincerely,

(original signed)

Nik Kiddle
President, Stockholm Convention