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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 tentative schedule 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 3–4 November 2016, 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 24 April to 5 May 2017 in Geneva¹

	Mon, 24 April 2017	Tue, 25 April 2017	Wed, 26 April 2017	Thu, 27 April 2017	Fri, 28 April 2017	Sat, 29 April 2017
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	<p>BC Item 1: Opening of the BC meeting BC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>RC Item 1: Opening of the RC meeting RC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>SC Item 1: Opening of the SC meeting SC Item 2: Adoption of the agenda</p> <p>Joint session of the three COPs: BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3: Organizational matters (b) Organization of work</p> <p>BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3 (a) Election of officers</p> <p>BC Item 3; RC Item 3; SC Item 3 (c) Credentials²</p> <p>BC Item 5; RC Item 6; SC Item 6: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Joint session of the three 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.) (c) Compliance SC Item 5 (cont.) (j) Compliance</p> <p>BC Item 4 (cont.) (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (only POPs wastes) SC Item 5 (cont.) (c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes</p> <p>BC Item 6; RC Item 7; SC Item 7: Programme of work and budget</p> <p>BC Item 7; RC Item 8; SC Item 8: Venue and date of the next COPs</p> <p>BC Item 8; RC Item 9; SC Item 9: Other matters (only admission of observers and development of draft MOUs)</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Session of SC COP-8: Item 5 (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (i) Exemptions; (iv) Brominated diphenyl ethers; (v) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride.</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Session of SC COP-8: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i></p> <p>Item 5 (cont.) (a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use: (ii) DDT (iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls (d) Implementation plans</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Session of BC COP-13: Item 4 (cont.) (b) Scientific and technical matters: (i) Technical guidelines (cont.) (excluding POPs wastes) (a) Strategic issues: (i) Strategic framework (ii) Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (iii) Cartagena Declaration</p>	<p><i>Reports of contact groups</i></p> <p>Session of BC COP-13: Item 4 (cont.) (c) Legal, compliance and governance matters: (ii) National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic (g) Operations and work programme of the OEWG for 2018–2019</p>
	Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	<p>Joint session of the three COPs: BC Item 4: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (e) International cooperation, coordination and partnerships: (ii) International cooperation and coordination (excluding environmentally sound dismantling of ships and cooperation with IMO)</p> <p>RC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (f) International cooperation and coordination SC Item 5: Matters related to the implementation of the Convention (k) International cooperation and coordination</p> <p>BC Item 4 (cont.) (d) Technical assistance: (i) Capacity-building (ii) Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres (iii) Implementation of decision V/32 on the enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund</p> <p>RC Item 5 (cont.) (d) Technical assistance SC Item 5 (cont.) (f) Technical assistance</p> <p>BC Item 4 (cont.) (f) Financial resources RC Item 5 (cont.) (e) Financial resources SC Item 5 (cont.) (g) Financial resources and mechanisms</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-8: Item 4: Rules of procedure</p> <p>Item 5 (cont.) (e) Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention; (i) Effectiveness evaluation;</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-8: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production; (h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15;</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-8: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i></p> <p>Item 9 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and development of a draft MOU)</p> <p>Session of RC COP-8:³ Item 5 (cont.) (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention: (i) Consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III (ii) Intersessional work on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III</p>	<p>Session of SC COP-8: <i>Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions</i></p> <p>Item 10: Adoption of the report</p> <p>Adoption of the section of the reports on the joint sessions of the meetings of the COPs⁴</p>

¹ Items listed in the tentative schedule are from the provisional agendas of the meetings (UNEP/CHW.13/1; UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/1; UNEP/POPS/COP.8/1).

² 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, 4 May 2017.

³ This session might extend beyond 6 p.m. Interpretation in the six official United Nations languages would also be provided during the extended session.

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, 24 April 2017 and on the morning of Tuesday, 25 April 2017.

	Sun, 30 April 2017	Mon, 1 May 2017	Tue, 2 May 2017	Wed, 3 May 2017	Thu, 4 May 2017	Fri, 5 May 2017	
Morning session 10 a.m.– 1 p.m.	No formal meetings	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	Reports of contact groups	
		Session of BC COP-13: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 4: (cont.) (e) International cooperation, coordination and partnerships: (i) Basel Convention Partnership Programme (ii) International cooperation and coordination (cont.) (only environmentally sound dismantling of ships and cooperation with IMO)	Session of RC COP-8: Item 5 (cont.) (b) Listing of chemicals in Annex III to the Convention: (i) Consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III (cont.)	Session of RC COP-8: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 4: Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties Item 5 (cont.) (a) Status of implementation	Session of RC COP-8: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 10: Adoption of the report	High-level segment	
Afternoon session 3–6 p.m.	No formal meetings	Session of BC COP-13: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 8 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and development of a draft MOU)	Session of BC COP-13: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 9: Adoption of the report	Session of RC COP-8: Consideration of the outcomes of the contact groups and draft decisions Item 9 (cont.) (excluding admission of observers and development of a draft MOU)	Opening of the high-level segment	Adoption of BC budget decision	
					Ministerial round tables	Joint and convention-specific sessions as necessary	Adoption of RC budget decision
						Consideration of the outcomes of the joint or convention-specific contact groups, adoption of the reports on credentials and adoption of outstanding decisions	Adoption of SC budget decision
							BC Item 10; RC Item 11; SC Item 11: Closure of the meeting

Stockholm Convention Conference of the Parties (SC COP)	
Basel Convention Conference of the Parties (BC COP)	
Rotterdam Convention Conference of the Parties (RC COP)	
Joint sessions of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties	
High-level segment	
Joint and convention-specific sessions as necessary	

Annex II: Tentative schedule of possible contact and other groups at the meetings of the conferences of the Parties from 24 April to 5 May 2017 in Geneva

The following contact and other groups have been tentatively identified and may be established during the two-week period of the meetings 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. Within the timeframes indicated below, the groups would meet during a set amount of time. The schedule below lists possible start dates of the groups. The indicated dates for adoption of decisions are based on the view expressed by the bureaux that decisions should be adopted as much as possible by the end of convention-specific sessions they relate to. The groups are thus expected to complete their work by the day before the last convention-specific session.

Contact and other groups	Mon, 24 April 2017	Tue, 25 April 2017	Wed, 26 April 2017	Thu, 27 April 2017	Fri, 28 April 2017	Sat, 29 April 2017	Mon, 1 May 2017	Tue, 2 May 2017	Wed, 3 May 2017	Thu, 4 May 2017	Fri, 5 May 2017
Joint sessions of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions											
Programme of work and budget		Possible start								Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions
Review of the synergies arrangements and other joint issues as necessary		Possible start							Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions	
Technical assistance/financial resources and mechanisms		Possible start			Adoption of SC decisions			Adoption of BC decisions	Group to finish work	Adoption of RC decisions	
Sessions of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention											
Listing of chemicals		Possible start		Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions						
Compliance		Possible start		Group to finish work	Adoption of decision						
Effectiveness evaluation		Possible start		Group to finish work	Adoption of decision						
Sessions of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention											
Technical matters		Possible start (on POPs guidelines)			Any added mandates			Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions		
Strategic matters					Possible start			Group to finish work	Adoption of decision		
Compliance and legal matters					Possible start			Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions		
Sessions of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention											
Listing of chemicals in Annex III ¹				Possible start					Group to finish work	Adoption of decisions	

¹ It is to be determined whether discussions of those issues will be addressed by a single contact group or two separate contact groups, one for the consideration of chemicals for inclusion in Annex III to the Convention and the other for the intersessional work on the process of listing chemicals in Annex III to the Convention.