# Convention: SYN Update of the Rotterdam Convention Resource Kit

### **LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:**

Work programme activity #: S1

COP Decisions: RC-5/12

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A resource kit for the Rotterdam Convention was created and launched in 2004 as a collection of informative materials aimed at satisfying the different needs of the Parties and, in a broader sense, to the attention of those involved in implementing other sister conventions. The resource kit had different categories addressing needs of different stakeholders such as DNAs, national policy makers, project designers, donors and others.

The resource kit has been used to promote the Convention and its importance. It contains training materials and information specific to the Rotterdam Convention and was developed and refined in the course of regional activities, working directly with end users. It also contains links to guidance documents and information of related programmes as well as supplementary information and references to more general sources. This tool has been highly appreciated and used by Parties, in particular by developing countries.

With the addition of new chemicals under the Rotterdam Convention, there is a need to review and update the publications of the existing resource kit. Furthermore, there is need to convert the existing resource kit into an electronic tool, which can be easily accessible by Parties.

The updated electronic resource kit for the Rotterdam Convention will serve as a pilot for a synergistic approach to the resource kits, which will be established with the future development of the resource kits for the Basel and the Stockholm Conventions.

### PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:

- Development of a web based resource kit
- Review and update of the publications in the resource kit
- Translation of the publications that are not currently available in the official UN languages.
- The project will be implemented from January July 2013

## **RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:**

- Publications to the resource kit will be updated according to the most recent decisions of the Parties
- Web based resource kit, available online
- Gain experience for the future development of a synergies resource kit.

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# **BUDGET [USD]**

Review and update of the publications in the resource kit (consultant 3 months)	12,000
Translation	3,000
IT support for the development of a web based resource kit (consultant 5 months)	35,000
TOTAL FUNDS TO BE RAISED FOR PROPOSED ACTIVITIES	50,000
COP APPROVED BUDGET (BD, RV, SV trust funds)	630,000