



**Basel Convention on the Control of
Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their
Disposal**

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**Rotterdam Convention on the Prior
Informed Consent Procedure for
Certain Hazardous Chemicals and
Pesticides in International Trade**



**Stockholm Convention on
Persistent Organic Pollutants**

**Conferences of the Parties to
the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions
Simultaneous extraordinary meetings**

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Item 4 (d) of the provisional agenda*

**Matters for consideration or action by the conferences
of the Parties: decisions on the synchronization of the
budget cycles of the three conventions**

Synchronization of budget cycles

Note by the secretariats

1. The present note sets forth details related to the synchronization of the budget cycles of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in accordance with decision IX/10 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, decision RC-4/11 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and decision SC-4/34 of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention, by which the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions called for greater cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

Introduction

2. The financial rules of the three conventions as set out in paragraphs 3 and 23 of appendix I of decision VI/41 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, paragraph 2 of decision RC-1/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention and paragraph 2 of decision SC-1/3 of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention state that “the financial period shall be a biennium consisting of two consecutive calendar years”.

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3. By decision IX/31 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and decision RC-4/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, the two conferences of the Parties adopted as an extraordinary one-time measure a three-year budget cycle for the period 2009–2011 to facilitate the synchronization of their budget cycles with those of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Stockholm Convention.

4. Beginning in 2012, the budget cycles of the Basel and Rotterdam conventions will be in line with those of the Stockholm Convention, UNEP and FAO, enabling UNEP to produce coordinated financial statements and joint audits for the three conventions.

Possible action

5. The conferences of the Parties may wish to take note of the information on the synchronization of the budget cycles of the three conventions referred to above.
