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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention as regards the amendments of Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade

- Adoption

**COMMON GUIDELINES**

**Consultation deadline: 29.03.2013**

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1. The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade entered into force on 24 February 2004. The commitments set out in the Convention have been implemented in Union law by Regulation (EC) No 689/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 concerning the export and import of dangerous chemicals<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 204, 31.7.2008, p. 1

2. The sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP6) to the Convention will take place in Geneva from 28 April to 11 May 2013. On the basis of the recommendations from the Chemical Review Committee (subsidiary body under the authority of COP), COP is expected to take a decision on inclusion of further chemicals in the PIC procedure by adding them to Annex III to the Convention.
3. On 13 December 2012, the Council received the Commission proposal for a Council Decision establishing a position for COP 6 with regard to proposals for amendments of Annex III to the Convention.
4. The Working Party on International Environmental Issues (WPIEI) on 31 January - 1 February 2013 and the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) on 6 March 2013 considered the proposal and the Presidency draft of the Council Decision respectively. The text set out in the JL document 6394/13 was agreed by all delegations.
5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to recommend that the Council (Agri/Fish) adopts the Decision as set out in the JL document 6394/13 as an "A" item at its meeting on 22 April 2013.

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