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Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

Subject: Draft Programme of work for the Rotterdam Convention Compliance Committee for the biennium 2026-2027

Refence is made to the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention (the **Committee**), which in accordance with paragraph 26 of Annex VII to the Convention, is to submit a report to each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including a schedule of expected meetings that it considers necessary for the fulfilment of its programme of work.

By decision RC-11/5 adopted at its eleventh meeting in 2023, amongst other things, the Conference of the Parties requested the Committee to consult Parties in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on a draft programme of work for the biennium 2026-2027.

The Committee held its second meeting on 19-21 March 2024 in Rome, Italy and online on 30 September 2024, with the report available on the Rotterdam Convention website.¹ The Committee agreed a draft programme of work for 2026-2027 reflecting the outcome of that meeting, which was annexed to the meeting report² and is attached as an annex to the present communication. The draft programme of work is based on the programme of work of the Committee for the biennium 2024-2025 and reflects in track change mode the activities proposed for consideration and possible adoption by the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Parties are invited to provide comments on the draft programme of work of the Committee for the biennium 2026-2027 **no later than 14 March 2025**. All comments provided will be made available on the Convention website to inform the consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting in 2025.

Thank you in advance for any comments received and please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat (Mario Yarto; Email: <u>mario.yarto@fao.org</u>; Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti; Email: <u>Yvonne.ewang-sanvincent@un.org</u>) should you have any questions or need further information on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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¹ https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ComplianceCommittee/Meetings/CC2/Overview/tabid/9729/language/en-US/Default.aspx

² UNEP/FAO/RC/CC.2/12/Add.1