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

I. Review of systemic issues of general compliance under the Convention

| *Systemic issue of general compliance to be addressed* | *Activity* |
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| **Laws, regulations, policies, procedures and other measures to implement the Convention (Article 15 (1) and other provisions)** | Continue to monitor, based on information from Parties, the legislative and administrative measures adopted by Parties to implement the Rotterdam Convention;  Consider and recommend to the Conference of the Parties what additional steps could be taken to increase the number of Parties with measures in place to implement the Rotterdam Convention. |
| **Notification of final regulatory actions (Article 5)** | Based on information from Partiescontinue to identify and review issues being faced by Parties in relation to the notification of final regulatory actions, including challenges faced with submission of a notification of final regulatory action within 90 days of it taking effect;  Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support Parties with the notification of final regulatory actions. |
| **Exports and imports of chemicals listed in Annex III**  **(Articles 10 and 11)** | Compile and make available to Parties examples of communication channels for information exchange related to international trade in chemicals listed in Annex III and mechanisms for coordination and cooperation between national stakeholders;  Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by importing Parties with submitting import responses;  Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses;  Develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties on steps that could be taken by Parties, the Conference of the Parties, the Compliance Committee and others to support importing Parties in submitting import responses and exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses.    Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by exporting Parties with ensuring that exporters within their jurisdiction comply with import responses. |
| **Export notifications (Article 12)** | Undertake further work to identify challenges being faced by Parties in relation to the provision of export notifications and the acknowledgement of receipt thereof. |
| **Information submission:**  **improve timely and complete submission of information pursuant to the provisions of the Convention** | Continue to monitor developments, including the development of guidance, related to the integration by Parties of their information submission needs in actions to address the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks, in particular interlinkages with and the relation to the Rotterdam Convention. |
| **Enhanced cooperation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention and the Compliance Committee of the Stockholm Convention** | Continue to cooperate with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention and take steps to initiate cooperation with the Compliance Committee of the Stockholm Convention, to facilitate compliance through the exchange of views and information between the committees on activities, operations and processes of joint interest, including, as appropriate, joint sessions at meetings of the committees, and make recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. |

II. Specific submissions regarding Party compliance

1. The Committee shall continue to accord priority to dealing with specific submissions regarding Party compliance received or initiated in accordance with paragraph 12 of Annex VII to the Convention.
2. The Committee shall continue to explore lessons from implementation and compliance bodies of other multilateral environmental agreements that could inform the work of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 13 of Annex VII to the Convention.