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Subject: Elections during the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, the twelfth of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 April to 9 May 2025): invitation for nominations by 1 February 2025

Dear Sir, dear Madam,

Reference is made to the elections that are expected to take place during the forthcoming seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, the twelfth of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, and the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 28 April to 9 May 2025.

During their 2023 meetings, the conferences of the Parties to the three conventions agreed to entrust their respective Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, with facilitating during the intersessional period preceding the 2025 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties the process for nominating candidates for election.

During their respective meetings held in May and June 2024, the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam, Stockholm and Basel conventions received an information package from the Secretariat on the elections to take place during the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties as well as a proposal on the steps that could be taken by each Bureau, with the support of the Secretariat, to facilitate the process for nominating candidates for election. Following the consideration of this matter, each Bureau agreed for the Secretariat to send an invitation to Parties on behalf of the bureaux to submit nominations by 1 February 2025, so that Parties could consult in their regions on these nominations in advance of and during the regional preparatory meetings with a view to facilitating decision making on elections during the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties.¹

Accordingly, the Secretariat is pleased to attach to the present letter four annexes setting out information on the elections to take place during the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties:

- (a) Annex I sets out an overview of all elections to take place during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
- (b) Annex II sets out information on the elections to take place during the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, including information on past officers and members as well as information on Parties' arrears as at 31 October 2024;
- (c) Annex III sets out information on the elections to take place during the twelfth of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, including information on past officers and members as well as information on Parties' arrears as at 31 October 2024;
- (d) Annex IV sets out information on the elections to take place during the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including information on past officers and members as well as information on Parties' arrears as at 31 October 2024.

¹ The documents and respective reports of the individual bureaux meetings are available at:
<https://www.basel.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/COP17Bureau2024/tabid/9759/Default.aspx>;
<https://www.pic.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/COP12Bureau2024/tabid/9761/language/en-US/Default.aspx>; and
<https://www.pops.int/TheConvention/ConferenceoftheParties/Bureau/tabid/579/Default.aspx>

We take this opportunity to remind you that, pursuant to the relevant financial rules and decisions of the conferences of the Parties, arrears have a bearing on the eligibility of representatives of Parties to be elected:

(a) In accordance with rule 5.3 (e) of the financial rules of the Basel Convention, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or its subsidiary bodies, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments;

(b) In accordance with rule 5.3 (e) of the financial rules of the Rotterdam Convention, and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision RC-11/15, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments in accordance with the financial rules;

(c) In accordance with rule 5.3 (e) of the financial rules of the Stockholm Convention, and as decided by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-11/27, no representative of any Party whose contributions are in arrears for two or more years shall be eligible to become a member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties or a member of any subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties, provided, however, that this shall not apply to Parties that are least developed countries or small island developing States or to any Party that has agreed on and is respecting a schedule of payments in accordance with the financial rules.

Pursuant to decisions BC-13/20, RC-8/13 and SC-8/23 on mainstreaming gender, the conferences of the Parties, among other things, recognized that, notwithstanding the efforts of Parties and the Secretariat to promote gender equality, efforts are still needed to ensure that women and men from all Parties are equally involved in the implementation of the three conventions and are represented in their bodies and processes and thus inform and participate in decision-making on gender-responsive hazardous chemicals and wastes policies.

The Bureaux, during their joint meeting (5-6 November 2024), agreed to identify regional election focal points and to entrust them, with the support of the Secretariat, with facilitating the process for nominating candidates for election during the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties. These are currently and until further notice received from the regions:

- (a) Sheik Tunis (Sierra Leone) for the Africa region;
- (b) Sameera Mohammed Al-dosari (Qatar) for the Asia and Pacific region;
- (c) Mario Vujić (Croatia) for the Eastern Europe region;
- (d) Osvaldo Alvarez Perez (Chile) for the Latin America and Caribbean region;
- (e) Sverre Thomas Jahre (Norway) and Hazai Gábor (Hungary) for the Western Europe and Other States region.

On behalf of the Bureaux of the respective conferences of the Parties, we hereby invite you to consider identifying candidates for, as appropriate, election, selection and appointment, taking into account when relevant the working language of the body and the qualifications required. We also invite you to consider submitting to the Secretariat by **1 February 2025** the names of candidates along with, when relevant, the required documentation supporting the nominated candidates, namely, in the case of the POPRC and CRC, a curriculum vitae and the completed form for the declaration of conflicts of interest (attached for ease of reference). We also invite you to consult with your region in advance of and during the regional preparatory meetings on candidates so as to facilitate decision making during the 2025 meetings of the conference of the Parties on election matters. All nominations received will be transmitted to the Bureaux.

We thank you in advance for your kind attention. Should you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat (jackline.wanjiru@un.org).

Yours sincerely,



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