

1. Definitions of term “pesticides”

Mandate: UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/27, section III. A. 1., general issues on matters related to the implementation of the Convention

Background:

At the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, within their consideration of general issues on matters related to the implementation of the Convention, Parties called on the Secretariat to address problems in submission of import responses stemming from parties employing different definitions of pesticides. In order to address these problems, further information is sought from Parties as to the existence of such definitions and the implications stemming from the use of those definitions by parties with regard to implementation of the Convention.

At the eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties in further considering the matter, agreed that the work on the survey on different definitions and the preparation of a comprehensive analysis of the replies and a description of the potential implications of the use of different definitions including options for how to address them should continue.

Follow-up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Respond to the survey by the Secretariat on the existence of various definitions of the term "pesticides" and the implications resulting from the use of those definitions by parties with regard to the implementation of the Convention.	Parties	An online questionnaire will be made available on the Convention website to enable responses to this request.	No deadline specified. Please submit information by the deadline to be indicated in a further communication on this matter.

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