

## 2. Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

Decision: RC-8/8: Enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention

Background:

In decision RC-8/8, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, requested the Secretariat to develop an online survey to gather information on priority actions to enhance the effectiveness of the Convention and key information gaps related to those actions, to be sent out to Parties by 30 June 2017 with an invitation to complete the survey by 31 October 2017. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Secretariat to compile the results of the survey and to prepare by 15 January 2018 a report analysing the legal and operational implications of the priority actions identified by the survey, and to make the report available to Parties and others for comments by 31 March 2018.

The Conference of the Parties further decided to establish a working group with membership composed of representatives from Parties to identify, on the basis of the abovementioned report and the comments received, a set of prioritized recommendations for enhancing the effectiveness of the Convention and to develop a report identifying further steps for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting. The Conference of the Parties decided that the working group shall operate by electronic means, be open to participation by non-Party States and hold physical meetings, subject to the availability of resources. Parties are invited to nominate representatives to participate in the working group by 30 September 2017.

Follow-up:

	<b>Calls for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Methods of submission</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Parties are invited to complete the survey on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention developed by the Secretariat and to be sent to Parties by 30 June 2017.	Parties	An online survey will be made available and sent out to enable responses to this request.	<b>31 October 2017</b>
(b)	Parties and others are invited to comment on the report prepared by the Secretariat on the legal and operational implications of the priority actions for enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention, to be sent to Parties and others by 15 January 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parties</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul>	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>31 March 2018</b>
(c)	Parties are invited to nominate representatives to participate in the working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the Rotterdam Convention.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>30 September 2017</b>
(d)	Non-Party States are invited to consider participating in the working group.	Non-Party States	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>No deadline, but preferably by 30 September 2017</b>

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