

COMMUNICATION

OUTCOME OF THIRD MEETING OF THE AD HOC JOINT WORKING GROUP ON ENHANCING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

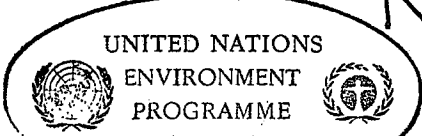
The Secretariat refers to the third meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Joint Working Group on Enhancing Cooperation and Coordination between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions which met in Rome, Italy, from 22 to 25 March 2008.

The Secretariat advises that the meeting documents, and an advanced version of the report of the meeting, are available on the website of the *Ad Hoc* Joint Working Group (<http://ahjwg.chem.unep.ch/>). The recommendation from the *Ad Hoc* Joint Working Group to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention is contained in document UNEP/CHW.9/14. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention will also receive a summary by the co-chairs of the *Ad Hoc* joint working group, which is contained in document UNEP/CHW.9/INF/19.

The Secretariats of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Convention are presently preparing two information documents to assist the consideration of the recommendation by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, namely a note on the costs and institutional implications of joint services proposed in the *Ad Hoc* Joint Working Group's recommendation; and a note on activities developed by the three secretariats, which will be issued as documents UNEP/CHW.9/INF/20 and UNEP/CHW.9/INF/21 respectively.

The advanced versions of these meeting documents, where available, are accessible on the website of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (<http://cop9.basel.int/>). Final edited versions of these documents will be released in due course, and shall be made available on the same website.

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