

## **International PRTR Coordinating Group**

**Second meeting  
26 February 2007, Copenhagen, Denmark**

### **DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT OF THE SECOND MEETING**

1. The second meeting of the International Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) Coordinating Group was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 26 February 2007, under the chairmanship of Mr. Osmany Pereira Gonzalez (UNEP). Mr. Achim Halpaap (UNITAR), the Vice-chair, sent regrets for his unavoidable absence.

#### **I. ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE BUREAU**

2. Mr. Halpaap was elected Chair and Mr. Alain Chung (Canada) was elected Vice-chair, for a two-year term (2007-2009). Their terms would commence at the close of the second meeting.

#### **II. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

3. Mr. Pereira Gonzales reviewed the intended purpose of the Coordinating Group, which should focus its activities on promoting the coordination of PRTR capacity building activities in developing countries or countries with economies in transition and could also serve as a reporting mechanism for the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM), in particular, to measure progress on the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Action Plan and to analyze trends in national implementation. Regional meetings of the SAICM could also provide opportunities for the Coordinating Group to provide information on national developments.

#### **III. WEBPAGE**

4. The secretariat announced that UNECE had established a website for the Coordinating Group. The webpages dedicated to the Coordinating Group had been linked to the UNECE Aarhus Convention Working Group on PRTRs webpages.<sup>1</sup> Documents related to the activities of the International PRTR Coordinating Group would be posted there on an interim basis until a more suitable location could be agreed.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr.htm>.

#### **IV. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

5. Following a period in which participants had been invited to review and submit comments on the draft Terms of Reference for the Coordinating Group, the secretariat (UNECE) had finalized the Terms of Reference and posted these to the Group's webpage.<sup>2</sup>

#### **V. MAIN OUTCOMES**

6. The meeting asked the Chair to request accreditation to the second meeting of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (ICCM-2).<sup>3</sup> The Coordinating Group would request that it be allowed to report on its activities to the Conference.

7. The Bureau agreed to repackage the UNECE PRTR capacity-building activities matrix to make it a useful document for reporting through the baseline report to ICCM-2. The secretariat was asked to draft a proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the Coordinating Group. The Bureau also agreed to follow-up on the developments of SAICM performance indicators and review the issue at its next meeting.

#### **VI. NEXT MEETING**

8. The Coordinating Group agreed to hold its next meeting back-to-back with the OECD Task Force on PRTR on 11 March 2007, in Paris. UNECE will serve as secretariat.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.unece.org/env/pp/prtr/Intl%20CG%20images/about.html>.

<sup>3</sup> The ICCM-2 is scheduled to take place in Geneva, from 11 to 15 May 2009, immediately before the 62<sup>nd</sup> World Health Assembly.