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ROTTERDAM CONVENTION ON THE PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT  
PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS AND PESTICIDES  
IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE

ROTTERDAM, 10 SEPTEMBER 1998

IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF): NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 22 (3) (B) <sup>1</sup>

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,  
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 27 May 2020.

(Original: English)

“... The Islamic Republic of Iran actively participated in the COP’s negotiations, envisioning a facilitative, stimulating and consensual compliance mechanism for the Convention. We were also among those Parties who argued that a successful compliance arrangement, and effective implementation of the Convention, is contingent upon technology transfer, capacity building and adequate financial resources, which have yet to be realized. As you are fully aware, the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties failed to reach agreement by consensus and decision RC-9/7 was [adopted] by voting, much to our regret leaving little prospect of its successful implementation.

With further regard to the Islamic Republic of Iran, and notwithstanding our continued compliance with the commitments under the Convention, the blatant unlawful unilateral sanctions against us constitute a major obstacle to undertake further obligations.

In view of the [foregoing], and in accordance with paragraph 3 (b) of article 22 of the Convention, this is to notify the non-acceptance of the ‘Annex VII on the procedures and mechanisms on compliance with the Rotterdam Convention’ as adopted through decision RC-9/7...”

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8 June 2020



<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.574.2019.TREATIES-XXVII.14 of 6 November 2019 (Adoption of Annex VII).