

INTRODUCTION

The Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting mandated the Secretariat to prepare compilation documents based on the data and information provided by Parties for the year 2003 and to make it available to Parties and non-Parties (Decision VII/35). In September 2004, the Secretariat sent the revised questionnaire on 'transmission of information' to Parties to report data and information for the year 2003. The Secretariat was able to send the questionnaire with its part I and part II Section A (Tables 8A and 8B) pre-filled to those Parties, which had reported in time for the year 2002 or for the previous years. As at 8 November 2005, Ninety-seven¹ Parties transmitted their updated/completed the questionnaires to the Secretariat. A cut-off date was set to 30 September 2005 to compile the current compilation². Fifty-two³ Parties did not report for the year 2003.

The information reported by Parties for the year 2003 has been entered into the Reporting Database of the Secretariat and the reports generated by the database, have been collated and presented as the Compilation Part I. For reasons of economy, the Compilation Part I is made available only on the Secretariat's web site (www.basel.int).

¹ Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Vietnam, Yemen and Zambia.

The Secretariat could not open the electronic files transmitted by Kenya and Republic of Moldova and the Secretariat requested them to re-transmit or to send the hard copies of their completed questionnaires (2003). So far the Secretariat has not received any response. Hence information transmitted by them could not be included in the current compilation.

² Information transmitted by Austria and Turkmenistan are not included in the current compilation as their completed questionnaires (2003) were received after the cut-off date.

Romania informed by a fax dated 27 December 2004 that it would be sending the completed questionnaire (2003) by e-mail to the Secretariat. However, the completed questionnaire (2003) was not received by the Secretariat. The Secretariat requested Romania to send their completed questionnaire (2003) by fax and/or e-mail. So far the Secretariat has not received any response.

³ Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Denmark, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Jordan, Kiribati, Kuwait, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

Bhutan, Djibouti and Samoa, which are not listed above became Parties in August, May and March 2002 respectively. Brunei Darussalam, which became a Party in December 2002 transmitted its completed questionnaire (2003) to the Secretariat and its contents are included in the current compilation.

The Compilation Part I includes information such as wastes controlled for the purpose of transboundary movement; restrictions on transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and other wastes; control procedure of the transboundary movement of waste; reduction and/or elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes; reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes subject to the transboundary movement; effects on human health and the environment; bilateral and multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements; disposal and recovery facilities; and sources of technical and financial assistance.

While every effort has been made by the Secretariat to ensure that the information provided by Parties is compiled and printed error free, the volume, complexity and evolutionary nature of the information provided is such that there may be inaccuracies. The Secretariat continues to strive to improve the presentation and dissemination of information and would greatly appreciate feedback from Parties regarding any correction of information printed in this compilation.

The Secretariat acknowledges and appreciates every effort made by Parties to fulfil the reporting requirements of the Convention and look forward to the continued cooperation of Parties on this matter.

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