

DAILY BRIEF
15 JANUARY 2002

The delegate of Norway presented the outcome of the discussions of the small working group on the development of guidelines for the dismantling of ships. The technical guidelines were close to finalization and will be ready for adoption by the next TWG in May 2002. The Parties were requested to give their comments by 15 March 2002. The Secretariat was requested to send an official statement to ILO and IMO as their inputs were crucial for the final outcome of these guidelines.

On the technical guidelines on metals and metal compounds, the small working group which was chaired by the United Kingdom, opportunities were given for further comments by Parties preferably through electronic means on the draft guidelines, latest on 15 March 2002.



Hard work compensated; Technical guidelines on plastic wastes under the chairmanship of the European Community finalised and adopted.

A small drafting group on plastic wastes and their disposal with the chairmanship of the European Commission had a difficult task in the front of it. It had to incorporate a substantive amount of comments and amendments to the present draft in order to address the issues of the incorporation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and waste avoidance in the document. The hard work finally paid off the adoption of these technical guidelines.

In order to progress with this work, the small working group on Annex IX decided on the development of a questionnaire to obtain information from Parties on the control procedure and any prohibitions as regard to Annex IX that are being practiced.

Progress was made on the development of work on hazard characteristics H 6.2 (infectious substances), H 10 (liberation of toxic gases in contact with air or water), H 11 (chronic toxicity), H 12 (ecotoxicity) and H 13 (leachate) and further consideration would be undertaken at the next meeting of the TWG.