

## **20th Session of the Meeting of the TWG. 23 May 2002**

The Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, Ms. Sachiko Kuwabara-Yamamoto, opened the twentieth session of the Technical Working Group (TWG). In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the twentieth session of the Technical Working Group was chaired by Mr. Roy Watkinson of the United Kingdom.

The meeting considered the proposal from the German Federal Environmental Agency to the TWG on review or adjustment of the lists of wastes contained in Annex VIII or IX for the following waste streams:

- a) Bituminous materials (asphalt waste) from road construction and maintenance containing tar.
- b) Bituminous materials (asphalt waste) from road construction and maintenance not containing tar; and
- c) Waste edible fats and oils of animal and vegetable origin (e.g. frying oils).

The proposal for (c) was endorsed by the meeting.

A small discussion group was also formed to elaborate on the application made by India on the classification of PVC-coated cable scrap.

Due to inconsistencies in the translation of certain items figuring on lists in Annex VIII and Annex IX, Parties were invited to submit to the secretariat any comments in respect to translation ambiguities by August 2002.

A working group tasked with the review of the information paper on issues related to Annex IX and the questionnaire associated with it, was set up under the leadership of Switzerland and Costa Rica.

The Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Management of Lead-Acid Battery Wastes were adopted by the meeting.

The TWG also considered the technical guidelines on the full and partial dismantling of ships. A number of experts introduced specific suggestions and comments to improve the text. Norway and Netherlands provided leadership in amending the guidelines based on comment received.

With regard to the Draft Technical Guidelines for the Environmentally Sound Recycling/Reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4), a small working group chaired by Australia was established, the group was scheduled for meeting in the morning of 24 May.

The intersessional working group on the preparation of the draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of POPs as waste met late in the evening to further discuss the best way forward with the draft guidelines.