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Subject: Call for comments by 3 June 2024 from the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention and the small intersessional working group to improve the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure, in preparation for the fourteenth meeting of the Basel Convention Open-ended Working Group

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties by decision BC-16/1 requested the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention to prepare a draft renewed strategic framework for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting. The small intersessional working group accordingly developed a draft framework to be considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting, taking place on 25-28 June 2024 in Geneva, as set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/3. The working group agreed at its fourth meeting, held online on 11, 13 and 14 December 2023 and on 26-28 March 2024, to invite Parties and observers to provide written comments on the draft framework ahead of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

In addition, at its sixteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties by decision BC-16/2 established a small intersessional working group to improve the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure and requested the lead country in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting. The lead country, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, accordingly developed the report and options for possible ways forward to be considered by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting as set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/4. The working group furthermore agreed at its first meeting, held on 7-8 March 2024 in Geneva, Switzerland to invite Parties and observers to provide written comments on the report ahead of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

To: Basel Convention focal points
Basel Convention competent authorities
Members of the Bureau of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Enc: Draft renewed strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention
Draft report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward

Comments on the attached draft renewed strategic framework and on the draft report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward are invited by **3 June 2024**. Comments received will be posted on the respective websites of the two small intersessional working groups, for the strategic framework on: <https://www.basel.int/tabid/9625/Default.aspx>; and for the work on improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure on: [Small Intersessional Working Group \(basel.int\)](#), for the consideration of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

Should you have any queries, please contact the Secretariat, for the work on improving the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure Ms. Tatiana Terekhova (email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org) and for the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention Ms. Andrea Lechner (email: andrea.lechner@un.org).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

For 

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