

## **BC-11/7: National reporting**

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Invites* parties that have not yet done so to transmit to the Secretariat their completed questionnaires on the transmission of information for 2011 and for previous years, as soon as possible and in electronic form, using the revised questionnaire adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting and bearing in mind that, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, parties must transmit before the end of each calendar year a report on the previous calendar year;

2. *Also invites* parties to fill in any data gaps that may exist in their reported data on the generation and transboundary movement of hazardous and other wastes, especially the data regarding electrical and electronic wastes, for 2006 and following years;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to assist parties in improving the comparability of their data on the transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes;

(b) To continue to develop the new electronic reporting system, which should provide parties with an easy and user-friendly way of searching summaries of information, country fact sheets and graphical representations of the data submitted by reporting parties;

(c) To translate into English, within available resources, any information submitted by parties in part I of their questionnaires on the transmission of information in any official language of the United Nations other than English before incorporating such information into the reporting database;

(d) To continue to provide, within available resources, training to developing countries and other countries that are in need of assistance to meet their reporting obligations by organizing workshops and other relevant training activities in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional centres or by other appropriate means;

4. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional centres to continue to provide assistance to parties in order for them to meet their reporting obligations with a view to transmitting to the Secretariat national reports to the extent possible complete and on time;

5. *Decides* to include a review and revision of the reporting format in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2014–2015 and to establish a small intersessional working group, operating by electronic means, to take this work forward, with a particular focus on streamlining and simplifying the content and structure of the reporting format;

6. *Invites* parties to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2013;

7. *Also invites* parties to consider serving as lead country for the review and revision of the reporting format and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so by 30 June 2013;

8. *Further invites* parties to submit suggestions on revising the reporting format to the Secretariat by 30 September 2013;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to support the small intersessional working group;

10. *Requests* the lead country or, if there is no lead country, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to review the reporting format, taking into account the comments contained in annex II to the note by the Secretariat on the classification and publication of parties' individual compliance performance with regard to the annual reporting obligation<sup>1</sup> and the comments received pursuant to paragraph 8 above, and to submit a draft revised reporting format for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the progress of work on national reporting.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.11/INF/14.