

BC-12/13: Creating innovative solutions through the Basel Convention for the environmentally sound management of household waste

The Conference of the Parties,

Aware of the challenges that national and local governments are facing with regard to the handling and disposal of household waste,

Mindful of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021 and the Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its tenth meeting,

1. *Recalls* the Technical Guidelines on Wastes Collected from Households, adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting;
2. *Emphasizes* that measures should be undertaken to achieve the prevention and minimization of hazardous wastes and other wastes generated at source, to enable the decoupling of economic growth and the environmental impacts associated with waste generation and to improve the collection, separation, recycling, recovery and final disposal of such wastes, including the sound handling of hazardous objects or substances contained in household waste;
3. *Agrees* to include in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group the development of a workplan on the environmentally sound management of household waste with a focus on the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition and also agrees that such a workplan could include, but would not be limited to, the development of guidance documents and/or manuals on, inter alia, best practices, business models and innovative solutions for the circular economy in various socioeconomic contexts as well as a concept for a partnership to assist municipalities;
4. *Invites* parties and others to indicate to the Secretariat by 30 September 2015 their interest in actively participating in an informal group to develop the workplan described in paragraph 3 above;
5. *Requests* the informal group to develop a workplan for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate work, subject to the availability of funds, on the activities referred to in paragraph 5 above;
7. *Also requests* the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.