

BC-12/16: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note by the Secretariat on cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization;¹
2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the assessment, prepared by the Public Waste Agency of Flanders, on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines address wastes covered by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997,² and encourages parties and others to use it;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to transmit the assessment referred to in paragraph 2 above to the International Maritime Organization;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To prepare a first draft of the guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface, taking into account the revised version of the *IMO Comprehensive Manual on Port Reception Facilities*,³ and to make it available on the Convention website by 31 December 2015;
 - (b) To invite parties and others to comment on the draft guidance manual by 31 March 2016;
 - (c) To submit a revised draft guidance manual, taking into account the comments received, to the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its tenth meeting;
 - (d) To keep the International Maritime Organization informed of any developments on the subject of the present decision arising in the context of the Basel Convention and to monitor any consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee and the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization of issues of relevance to the Basel Convention;
 - (e) To continue, as appropriate, its cooperation with the International Organization for Standardization;
5. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting to finalize the guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

¹ UNEP/CHW.12/18.

² UNEP/CHW.12/INF/29/Rev.1.

³ International Maritime Organization, MEPC 67/11.