

BC-12/6: National reporting

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to Germany as the lead country of the small intersessional working group on national reporting established by paragraph 5 of decision BC-11/7 and welcomes the work undertaken by the group;
2. *Takes note* of the summary of proposed changes to the national reporting format¹ and adopts the revised format for national reporting as submitted by the small intersessional working group on national reporting for use by parties in reporting for the year 2016 and later years;²
3. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group on national reporting to the development of an electronic user manual for the electronic reporting system and the revised format for national reporting, as adopted in paragraph 2 above, in the six official languages of the United Nations;
4. *Invites* parties to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group on national reporting and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2015;
5. *Invites* parties that have not yet done so to transmit to the Secretariat their completed questionnaires on the transmission of information for 2013 and for previous years as soon as possible, using the electronic reporting system;
6. *Recognizes* the need to develop additional practical guidance on the development of inventories of specific waste streams;
7. *Decides* to mandate the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting to consider and agree on a list of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories should be developed, based on the report prepared by the Secretariat referred to in paragraph 8 (d) below;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat:
 - (a) To continue to develop the electronic reporting system, including the required adaptations of the system to support the new reporting format as adopted in paragraph 2 above;³
 - (b) To support the small intersessional working group on national reporting;
 - (c) To translate into English, subject to the availability of resources, any information submitted by parties in their national reports in the official languages of the United Nations other than English and to incorporate such information into the electronic reporting system;
 - (d) To prepare a report, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting, taking into account, inter alia, current guidance and guidelines on the development of inventories developed under the Convention and, based on it and on the views from parties on the matter, including the methodological guide for the development of inventories of hazardous wastes and other wastes under the Basel Convention⁴ adopted by decision BC-12/7, containing a proposal for a list of hazardous wastes streams for which more detailed practical guidance on developing inventories could be developed;
 - (e) To develop, following the tenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and within available resources, practical guidance on the development of inventories for the waste streams agreed upon by the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting;
 - (f) To develop an analytical report on transboundary movements and generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes based on the information reported by parties;

¹ UNEP/CHW.12/8/Rev.1, annex.

² UNEP/CHW.12/INF/16/Rev.1, annex I.

³ Parties should be aware that small adaptations of the electronic reporting system, without changing its content, will be required to allow for the reporting format to be available on the electronic reporting system.

⁴ See UNEP/CHW.12/9/Add.1.

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

9. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional centres to continue to provide assistance to parties to assist them in meeting their reporting obligations with a view to transmitting to the Secretariat national reports that are, to the extent possible, complete and on time;

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