

## BC-16/1: Strategic framework

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Recalls* decision BC-13/1 on the Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal for 2012–2021, and the draft report on the final evaluation of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Also recalls* decision BC-15/3 on the strategic framework, in which it decided to improve, as appropriate, the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021, taking into account the main findings, conclusions and recommendations of the report on the final evaluation of the strategic framework as reflected in the decisions adopted at its fifteenth meeting and on the lessons learned in the preparation of the report,<sup>2</sup> especially those pertaining to technical assistance, capacity-building, technology transfer and cooperation, including through strengthened and coordinated actions of regional centres;
3. *Emphasizes* the critical importance of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for Parties and others;
4. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the lead country, Canada, and the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for the period 2012–2021;
5. *Also welcomes* the recommendations to improve the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021 developed by the small intersessional working group established in paragraph 6 of decision BC-13/1,<sup>3</sup> taking into account the outcomes of the thirteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group;
6. *Decides* that a draft renewed strategic framework should be developed, taking into account the recommendations referred to in paragraph 5 of the present decision;
7. *Also decides* that the small intersessional working group will continue to work and be open to all Parties, inviting representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, and to observers, including the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres;
8. *Invites* Parties to nominate additional members to the small intersessional working group with specific knowledge and expertise in the evaluation of strategic plans, programmes, treaties or the national implementation of the Basel Convention to serve as members of the working group and to nominate such experts by 30 September 2023, and requests the Secretariat to facilitate the nomination process;
9. *Also invites* Parties to consider serving as lead country in the development of the renewed strategic framework referred to in paragraph 6 of the present decision and to inform the Secretariat by 30 September 2023 of their willingness to do so;
10. *Decides* that the small intersessional working group will operate by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, will also hold face-to-face meetings;
11. *Requests* the small intersessional working group, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the present decision, to:
  - (a) Prepare a draft renewed strategic framework for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting;
  - (b) Prepare a revised renewed strategic framework, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting, taking into account the outcome of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group;

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.15/INF/5, annex.

<sup>2</sup> For example, the reports of meetings of the small intersessional working group and submissions from Parties, which are available at <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/StrategicFramework/Overview/tabid/3807/Default.aspx>.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW.16/INF/5: Recommendations to improve, as appropriate, the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for the period 2012–2021.

12. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to support the small intersessional working group in its work, including by organizing one face-to-face meeting during the biennium 2023–2024, and to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting

