

Global waste survey

The Conference,

Recalling that the Parties at their first meeting were apprised of the information base being developed as a result of the Global Waste Survey and the potential benefit of such information in future decision-making on technical guidelines, technical centres, training and other capacity-building activities identified in its decision I/23 concerning the role of the Secretariat in the implementation of Agenda 21 of UNCED,

Further recalling that during the Sixteenth Consultative Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the London Convention, 1972 (November 1993) a number of parties to the London Convention, 1972, which are also Parties to the Basel Convention, and the participating countries in the Global Waste Survey recognized that the Secretariat of the Basel Convention would be an appropriate forum to take over the Global Waste Survey, when the transitional phase carried out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is completed,

Having considered the report by the Secretariat on the Global Waste Survey contained in document UNEP/CHW.2/24,

1. Requests the Secretariat to review further the relevance of the Global Waste Survey to the work of the Basel Convention and to report to the Bureau on its findings;
2. Requests, subject to the outcome of the review, the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to inform the Office for the London Convention 1972 on the readiness of the Parties to the Convention to keep, maintain, review and update the Global Waste Inventory and Database as from 1995;
3. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to continue cooperating closely with IMO, the concerned UNEP offices, namely IE/PAC and IRPTC/PAC and with other interested intergovernmental organizations, in particular the World Health Organization (WHO), in the conduct of the Global Waste Survey;

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4. Further requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to report on the decision of the Bureau and on any progress in the transfer and management of the Global Waste Inventory and Database to the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in consultation with the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee for the Implementation of the Basel Convention.