

Decision II/24

Cooperation between the International Maritime Organization and the United Nations Environment Programme in the Review of existing rules, regulations and practices with respect to transport of hazardous wastes by sea

The Conference,

Recalling decision I/18 of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties requesting the Secretariat to cooperate further with International Maritime Organization, and consult, as appropriate, with the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, as well as with other relevant international organizations, in the development of criteria for the definition of hazardous characteristics,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on the implementation of decision I/18 contained in document UNEP/CHW.2/22,

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1. Requests the Secretariat to continue its cooperation, in particular, with the International Maritime Organization, the Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Programme of Chemical Safety, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the European Union in the development of criteria for the definition of those hazardous characteristics which are currently not well defined, for the wastes subject to the Basel Convention and giving consideration to the work done in the respective intergovernmental organizations as well as in industrial organizations, to report to the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made on this issue;

2. Further requests its Technical Working Group to consider the issue of the development of criteria for the definition of those hazardous characteristics, which are currently not well defined, to review the report of the Informal Inter-Secretariats Consultation and to present its recommendations on the criteria and other matters required within the framework of the Basel Convention to the Third Meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.