

Decision III/10
Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

The Conference,

Recalling Article 15, paragraph 7, of the Basel Convention which requests the Conference of the Parties to "undertake three years after the entry into force of this Convention, and at least every six years thereafter, an evaluation of its effectiveness...";

Recalling also Article 15, paragraph 5(c), which allows the Conference to "consider and undertake any additional action that may be required for the achievement of the purposes of this Convention in the light of experience gained in its operation and in the operation of the agreements and arrangements envisaged in Article 11";

Having noted documents UNEP/CHW.3/31 and UNEP/CHW.3/Inf.7 containing the summary and the study on "Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal";

Recognizing that the Basel Convention has contributed to the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their management in an environmentally sound manner;

Recognizing also the valuable support and assistance of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention provided to developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

1. Invites non-Parties to the Convention to become Parties as soon as possible in order to ensure the global role of the Convention in controlling the movement and the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes;

2. Further requests the Parties to:

a) take the legal and technical steps necessary for the implementation of the Convention at the national level in order to ensure its effectiveness;

b) accelerate the early adoption of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation as well as additional technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes which will enhance the effectiveness of the Convention;

c) to pay on time the contribution based on the UN scale of assessments approved by the Conference of the Parties and to provide the Secretariat of the Basel Convention with additional resources on a voluntary basis to enable it to undertake the tasks entrusted to it.

3. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention:

a) to continue providing the necessary assistance to the Parties, in particular to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in order to enable them to effectively fulfil their obligations under the Convention and hence ensure its effectiveness;

b) to continue its cooperation with other UN bodies, international and regional organizations as well as the private sector and NGOs in all aspects related to the implementation of the Basel Convention.