

Decision III/23

Relationship of the Basel Convention and the London Convention, 1972

The Conference,

Recalling decisions II/7 and II/22 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

1. Invites Parties to the London Convention, 1972, which are not Parties to the Basel Convention to become Parties in order to facilitate the coordination between the two Conventions;
2. Welcomes the decisions by the 16th Consultative Meeting of the London Convention, 1972, to prohibit the dumping of industrial wastes and radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter at sea, as well as the incineration at sea of industrial wastes and sewage sludge;
3. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to continue its cooperation with the Consultative Meeting of the London Convention, 1972 and the IMO in the preparatory process for the amendment of the London Convention, 1972 in order to achieve the goal of coordination between the two Conventions and to report to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;
4. Further requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to continue to cooperate with the Consultative Meeting of the London Convention, 1972 and the IMO with a view to ensuring that there is no duplication of activities to be carried out under both the Basel and the London Conventions, and with a view to ensuring their complementarity;
5. Also requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to further investigate, in cooperation with the Consultative Meeting of the London Convention, 1972 and the IMO, the impact of the ban of the disposal of industrial wastes at sea on the treatment and disposal of hazardous waste on land, which might affect their transboundary movement.