

Decision III/4

Subsidiary Bodies under the Conference of the Parties of the Basel Convention

The Conference,

Recalling decision II/3 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

1. Welcomes the work of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee for the Implementation of the Basel Convention and requests it to meet as necessary between the meetings of the Conference of the Parties in order to fulfil the tasks placed on it by the Conference of the Parties, subject to available resources;
2. Welcomes also the work performed by the Technical Working Group and the Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts and request them to continue their meetings as necessary between the meetings of the Conference of the Parties in order to fulfil the tasks placed on them by the Conference of the Parties, subject to available resources;
3. Requests the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee to fulfil the task placed on it by decisions 9, 17 and 19 and present a report on its work to the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
4. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to convene the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee when necessary, making use of informal meetings, subject to availability of resources;
5. Authorizes the Extended Bureau to perform some functions of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee, especially administrative tasks and the preparation of recommendations for the meeting of the Conference of the Parties taking into account the need for the rational use of limited financial resources available under the Basel Convention Trust Fund.