

V/7. Capacity-building activities within the Convention: Current and planned legal, technical and institutional assistance

The Conference

1. Notes the declaration made by the mayors of several cities in West Africa at the regional consultation on the environmentally sound management of biomedical wastes held in Dakar, from 9 to 11 November 1998;

2. Notes the declaration of the group of African countries made at the fourteenth session of the Technical Working Group held in Pretoria, from 2 to 5 November 1998;

3. Reiterates the importance for Parties to provide financial resources to the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties to the Convention in implementing the Basel Convention and in managing hazardous wastes in an environmentally sound manner;

4. Invites Parties, non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, members of the industry and business sectors, and non-governmental organizations to provide financial resources or assistance in kind, to assist countries in need of such assistance in the development of training activities and technology transfer for the environmentally sound management and control of hazardous wastes;

5. Promotes the development of a programme of workshops, to be held on the occasion of the meetings of Basel Convention subsidiary bodies, through a process of exchanging and reviewing information received from focal points and competent authorities from the different Parties, relating to their experience in capacity-building issues, and by addressing aspects relating to the implementation of the Convention that need clarification;

6. Also invites Parties, other States and potential donors to contribute financially, technically or in kind to the implementation of specific project activities, the conduct of which has been requested by the Parties.