

IX/12: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision VIII/9 which, among other things, invited information and views on the respective competencies of the Basel Convention and the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 related thereto (MARPOL 73/78),

1. *Reiterates* its invitation to Parties to the Basel Convention and others to continue to provide information and views to the Secretariat on:

(a) The respective competencies of the Basel Convention and MARPOL 73/78 in respect of hazardous wastes and other wastes and harmful substances;

(b) Any gaps between those instruments;

(c) Any options for addressing those gaps, if any; and

(d) Any other relevant information;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile any information received in response to paragraph 1 of the present decision for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its next session and to place such information on the website of the Basel Convention as it is received;

3. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to consider the information provided in response to paragraph 1 of the present decision, to develop specific recommendations on options that might exist for addressing any gaps between the Basel Convention and MARPOL 73/78 in respect of hazardous and other wastes and to transmit such recommendations to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration at its tenth meeting;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to keep the International Maritime Organization informed, as appropriate, of any developments on the subject of the present decision arising in the context of the Basel Convention;

5. *Encourages* the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to continue to strengthen its cooperation with the Secretariat of the International Maritime Organization in relation to MARPOL 73/78 and other relevant International Maritime Organization instruments and activities;

6. *Encourages* Parties to organize internal coordination between their International Maritime Organization and Basel Convention representatives and to participate actively in any consideration of industrial production processes on board ships at sea or any consideration of the respective competencies of the Basel Convention and MARPOL 73/78;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to monitor any consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee of the International Maritime Organization on industrial production processes on board ships at sea, or any consideration of the respective competencies of the Basel Convention and MARPOL 73/78, and to report thereon to the Open-ended Working Group at its next session and the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.