

(10) Request for comments on possible options for future institutional arrangements of the Open-ended Working Group

Decision: BC-11/19: Operations and work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2014–2015

Background:

At the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, the Secretariat presented options for operations of the Open-ended Working Group in document UNEP/CHW.11/20/Add.1 at the request of the Expanded Bureau of the Conference of the Parties to optimize the use of available resources and expertise.

The Conference of the Parties agreed to request the Secretariat to carry out further intersessional work in order to elucidate the mechanism that would serve the Convention most effectively. In decision BC-11/19, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to prepare, subject to the availability of funding, a document analysing possible options for future institutional arrangements including their financial implications, taking into account the submissions made by parties and others, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting.

Request:

- Parties and others are requested to submit comments on possible options for future institutional arrangements taking into account proposals outlined in the note by the Secretariat on options for operations of the Open-ended Working Group (UNEP/CHW.11/20/Add.1), by 31 October 2013.

Respondents:

- Parties;
- Others.

Method of submission:

- All the submissions are to be made to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.

Deadline for submissions:

- **31 October 2013.**

Contact point:

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