
**1(b) Request for information on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative:
Providing further legal clarity**

Decision: BC-11/1: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

Background:

At its 8th meeting, the Open-ended Working Group (decision OEWG-8/7) invited the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting (COP-11) to consider a draft glossary of terms prepared by the Secretariat and to establish an intersessional working group for the development of guidance on the terms as well as to consider options for the consistent interpretation of those terms. The draft glossary of terms was not adopted by COP-11, and in part III of decision BC-11/1, COP-11 decided on further work, including the establishment of a small intersessional working group (SIWG) to prepare a revised draft of the glossary and related explanations to be considered and finalized by the OEWG-9, together with a draft decision for the consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

Requests:

- Parties to nominate experts to participate in the SIWG and inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2013;
- A party to consider serving as lead country for the SIWG and to inform the Secretariat accordingly by 30 June 2013;
- Parties and others to comment by 15 April 2014 on the first draft of the revised glossary and related explanations prepared by the SIWG by 15 February 2014.

Respondents:

- Parties
- Observers
- Other stakeholder

Method of submission:

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

Deadline for submissions:

- **30 June 2013** for nominations of experts to participate in the SIWG;
- **30 June 2013** for indication of a party's willingness to serve as lead country for the SIWG;
- **15 April 2014** for parties and others to comment on a first draft of the revised glossary and related explanations prepared by the SIWG by 15 February 2014.

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