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Subject: Call for information and follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its fourteenth meeting (Geneva, Switzerland, from 29 April to 10 May 2019)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its fourteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and others to provide information. The full set of decisions adopted at the meeting are contained in Annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Basel Convention website in due course: www.basel.int. To facilitate your response to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions.

This letter and relevant forms for submitting the solicited information are also available on the Convention website in the section "[Call for information and follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters will also be sent to Parties and observers for the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. The invitations for information contained in three of the joint decisions adopted by the three conferences of the Parties have been included in each of the individual letters.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Marylene Beau, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: marylene.beau@brsmeas.org; Tel: +41 22 917 83 87, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Secretary

Enc: Follow-up to the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its fourteenth meeting

To: Basel Convention focal points
Basel Convention competent authorities
Members of the Bureau of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

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1. Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021

Decision: BC-14/1: Strategic Framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021

Background:

In decision BC-14/1, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, requested the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for the period 2012–2021 to prepare a draft report on the final evaluation of the strategic framework for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting. A final version of the report should be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting for its consideration. The Conference of the Parties moreover urged Parties to provide to the Secretariat, not later than 31 January 2020, information for the year 2019 relevant to the indicators listed in section V of the strategic framework, using the format for reporting developed by the Secretariat.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	The regional group that has not yet nominated two experts with specific knowledge and expertise in the evaluation of strategic plans, programmes, treaties or the national implementation of the Basel Convention to become members of the working group, is invited to do so through their Bureau representatives, facilitated by the Secretariat. Information on current membership is available on the website ¹ .	Central and Eastern Europe region	Please make the submission to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 July 2019
(b)	Parties are urged to provide to the Secretariat information for the year 2019 relevant to the indicators listed in section V of the strategic framework, using the format for reporting developed by the Secretariat.	Parties	Please make submissions using the format for reporting ² that will be provided on the Basel Convention website.	31 January 2020

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<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/StrategicFramework/Smallintersessionalworkinggroup/tabid/6106/Default.aspx>

² Document UNEP/CHW.12/INF/5, annex 4.

2. Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Decision: BC-14/3: Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Background:

In decision BC-14/3, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the practical manuals on extended producer responsibility and financing systems for environmentally sound management,¹ the guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes² and the guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector³. In addition, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the revised draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements⁴. It also requested the Secretariat to prepare a further version of the revised draft practical manual, taking into account comments from Parties and others, and to submit it for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to provide the Secretariat with information on activities undertaken to ensure the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, including experience and case studies on extended producer responsibility and financing systems, strategies for the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes, and on addressing environmentally sound management in the informal sector.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted on an ongoing basis and made available by the Secretariat on the Basel Convention website.
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the revised draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements. ⁵	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2019

Contact point:

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¹ UNEP/CHW.14/5/Add.1.

² UNEP/CHW.14/INF/7.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/8.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/6.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/6.

3. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Decision: BC-14/4: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In decision BC-14/4, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the technical guidelines listed below, and invited Parties and others to use the technical guidelines, and to submit comments on their experience in doing so:

- Updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;¹
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, or tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether or decabromodiphenyl ether;²
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced polychlorinated dibenzo-*p*-dioxins, polychlorinated dibenzofurans, hexachlorobenzene, polychlorinated biphenyls, pentachlorobenzene, polychlorinated naphthalenes or hexachlorobutadiene;³
- Updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexachlorobutadiene;⁴
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with short-chain chlorinated paraffins;⁵

The Conference of the Parties also extended the mandate of the small intersessional working group established by paragraph 9 of decision OEWG-I/4 to provide that the group shall monitor and assist in the review, updating and preparation, as appropriate, of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants.

In addition, the Conference of the Parties decided to update the general technical guidelines referred to above and the specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-9/11 and SC-9/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention and to the amendment of the listing of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) in Annex B to the Stockholm Convention by decision SC-9/4 to be included in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the period 2020–2021.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants ⁶ , and other technical	Parties Observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Three months in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, i.e. 23 March 2020

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.3/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.4/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.5/Rev.1.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.2/Rev.1.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.1/Rev.1.

	guidelines, as appropriate, and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention.			
(b)	Parties and others are encouraged to develop and use methods, including screening methods, that are validated and suitable for industrial-scale use for the sampling and analysis of persistent organic pollutant content in waste, in particular of hexaBDE and heptaBDE, tetraBDE and pentaBDE, and decaBDE content in waste in the range between 50mg/kg and 1,000mg/kg.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
(c)	Parties and relevant organizations are invited to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating the following technical guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The general technical guidelines, taking into account decisions SC-9/11, SC-9/12 and SC-9/4; • The technical guidelines on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride to reflect the amendment of the listing of PFOS, its salts and PFOSF in Annex B and to include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, taking into account decisions SC-9/4 and SC-9/5, respectively; • The technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorobutadiene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol and its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical to include dicofol, taking into account decision SC-9/11. 	Parties Relevant organizations	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019

Contact point:

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4. Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

Decision: BC-14/5: Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

Background:

In decision BC-14/5, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted on an interim basis the revised technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention¹, acknowledged the need to look further into sub-paragraphs 31(a) and 31(b) of the revised technical guidelines, in particular the concerns of Parties on the distinction between waste and non-waste, to advance the work towards the finalization of the guidelines.

It further decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group established by paragraph 5 of decision BC-13/5 and decided that the expert working group shall continue to consist of twenty-five members nominated by Parties, based on equitable geographical representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, and shall be open to observers, including those from the Basel Convention regional centres, and may call for additional experts as needed. It requested the expert working group, taking into account, inter alia, the comments received by Parties, to prepare revised draft technical guidelines, and to submit it for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

The Conference of the Parties further agreed to consider, at its fifteenth meeting, the technical guidelines as referred to above, taking into account the outcomes of the expert working group and agreed that in the event of outstanding matters, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, may further extend the mandate of the expert working group, for a limited period.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Each regional group is invited to reconsider their nomination and nominate, as appropriate, members of the expert working group with relevant knowledge and expertise, through their Bureau representatives, facilitated by the Secretariat.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to use and test, on a pilot basis, the revised technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention ² as referred to in paragraph 3 of the decision BC-14/5 and to communicate to the Secretariat that they are doing so.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.6/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.6/Rev.1.

(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the pilot test of the revised technical guidelines and the results of using and testing the technical guidelines.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Two months in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, i.e. 23 April 2020
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5. Technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5)

Decision: BC-14/6: Technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5)

Background:

In decision BC-14/6, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the draft updated technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10)¹ and the draft updated technical guidelines on specially engineered landfill (D5)² and the comments received pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision OEWG-11/5³. It further agreed that the scope of the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) should be extended to also address incineration as covered by the operation “use as a fuel (other than in direct incineration) or other means to generate energy” (R1) and acknowledged that the extension of the scope as specified above represents an increase in workload and that the co-leads therefore need to reconsider whether they are in a position to finalize the work.

The Conference of the Parties further decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision BC-13/6 to provide that the group should further update the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and the technical guidelines on specially engineered landfill (D5), working in particular by electronic means and will hold one face-to-face meeting, subject to the availability of resources.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as a lead country for updating the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 4 of decision BC-14/6.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 June 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group to work on the updating of the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5).	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 August 2019
(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the draft updated technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5) referred to in paragraph 2 of decision BC-14/6.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	18 October 2019

¹ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/11.

² UNEP/CHW.14/INF/12.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/13.

Contact point:

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6. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds

Decision: BC-14/8: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds

Background:

In decision BC-14/8, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, decided that the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds should be updated and to establish a small intersessional working group, operating by electronic means, to assist in the updating. In addition, the Conference of the Parties called upon the members of the small intersessional working group to cooperate with the group of technical experts on mercury waste thresholds established by decision MC-2/2, if invited to do so by the group of technical experts.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries in the updating of the technical guidelines referred to in paragraph 1 of decision BC-14/8 and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below or in the form that will be provided on the website of the Convention.	31 August 2019

Contact point:

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7. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Decision: BC-14/11: Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Background:

In decision BC-14/11, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the responses provided by Parties and others pertaining to information on their experiences with electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents¹ and acknowledged the need to look further into electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to provide information on their experiences in developing and implementing electronic systems for exchanging information on or controlling the movements of goods and wastes.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to provide information on experts who could contribute to the consultative workshops to explore options for a Basel Convention system that would allow for the automation of processes and the electronic exchange of information relating to the notification and movement of hazardous and other wastes, their expected benefits and requirements, and possible steps towards their implementation referred to in subparagraph 4 (b) of decision BC-14/11.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2019

Contact point:

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¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/21 and UNEP/CHW/CC.12/11/Add.2.

8. Further actions to address plastic waste under the Basel Convention

Decision: BC-14/13: Further actions to address plastic waste under the Basel Convention

Background:

In decision BC-14/13, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, noted with concern that high and rapidly increasing levels of marine plastic litter and microplastics represent a serious environmental problem on a global scale, negatively affecting marine biodiversity, ecosystems, fisheries, maritime transport, recreation and tourism, and local societies and economies, and that plastic litter and microplastics can also be found on land and in rivers, wetlands and lakes and acknowledged that more sustainable management, production and use of plastics throughout their life cycle can facilitate plastic waste management and contribute to reducing marine litter and the threat it poses to the environment, to livelihoods of coastal communities and potentially to human health, and reduce the loss of value, resources and energy.

The Conference of the Parties committed itself to working to support efforts to achieve the prevention, the minimization and the environmentally sound management of plastic waste, as well as the effective control of its transboundary movement while calling upon Parties and others to make further efforts at the domestic level to prevent and minimize the generation of plastic waste, including through increasing the durability, reusability and recyclability of plastic products and furthering the repair, refurbishment and remanufacturing of plastic products, where technically and economically feasible, to promote the environmentally sound and efficient management of plastic waste, for example, single-use plastic and fishing gear, by improving the collection, transport, treatment and recycling of plastic waste, to ensure that transboundary movements of plastic waste are undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention as well as with related national laws and relevant regional agreements.

The Conference of the Parties further encouraged Parties, taking into account their capabilities, and others, especially the private sector, to make efforts to create new technologies and processes, or improve existing technologies to remove or reduce the use of hazardous constituents in the production of plastics and at any subsequent stage of their life cycle, in order to facilitate plastic waste management, including during the recycling process, and to provide financial and technological support.

Follow up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
Technical guidelines				
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for the updating of the technical guidelines for the identification and environmentally sound management of plastic waste and for their disposal and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so.	Parties	Please send indication of interest to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019
Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste				
(c)	Parties and others are invited, in accordance with the terms of reference for the partnership, to nominate members of the working	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the	31 August 2019

	group of the Partnership and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.		contact points provided below.	
Further consideration				
(d)	<p>Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on the following plastic waste referred to in entry Y48 in Annex II and entry B3011 in Annex IX to the Convention:</p> <p>(a) Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one cured resin or condensation product including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Urea formaldehyde resins (ii) Phenol formaldehyde resins (iii) Melamine formaldehyde resins (iv) Epoxy resins (v) Alkyd resins <p>(b) Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one of the following fluorinated polymer wastes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Perfluoroethylene/propylene (FEP) (ii) Perfluoro alkoxy alkane (iii) Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro vinyl ether (PFA) (iv) Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro methylvinyl ether (MFA) (v) Polyvinylfluoride (PVF) (vi) Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF). 	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	1 June 2020

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For further consideration: Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall (Email: kei.ohno-woodall@brsmeas.org, Tel: +41 22 917 82 01, Fax: +41 22 917 80 98).

9. Waste containing nanomaterials

Decision: BC-14/14: Waste containing nanomaterials

Background:

In decision BC-14/14, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, acknowledged the work undertaken by other organizations, in particular the International Labour Organization, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and the World Health Organization, on nanotechnology, the safety of nanomaterials and waste containing nanomaterials and took note of the report on issues related to waste containing nanomaterials and options for further work under the Basel Convention.¹

In addition, the Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties and others to undertake further research and develop other measures, as appropriate, to generate the information needed to better understand the potential risks posed by waste containing nanomaterials. The Conference of the Parties encouraged Parties to develop strategies for the environmentally sound management of waste containing nanomaterials.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others are invited to make available to the Secretariat, information related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials, including case studies about and best practices relating to the management of waste containing nanomaterials.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019

Contact point:

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¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/24.

10. Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance

Decision: BC-14/15: Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance

Background:

In decision BC-14/15, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the work programme of the Committee for 2020-2021 attached to that decision. The Conference of the Parties also requested the Committee to:

- Invite comments from Parties and others on the guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention, on insurance, bond and guarantee¹ by 30 September 2019; to review and update the guidance, as needed, for consultation with the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting; and to prepare a revised version of the guidance for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting; and
- To consider elaborating and further assessing measures not included under paragraphs 20 (a) and (b) of the terms of reference of the Committee that may be required when a Party has not submitted its national report for two or more years since the report due in 2016, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

Follow up:

Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the draft guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention, on insurance, bond and guarantee set out in document UNEP/CHW.14/13/Add.3.	Parties Others	Please send the comments to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2019

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¹ UNEP/CHW.14/13/Add.3.

11. Providing further legal clarity

Decision: BC-14/16: Providing further legal clarity

Background:

In decision BC-14/16, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, extended the mandate of the expert working group^{1,2} to review entry B1110 in Annex IX and the mirror entry A1180 in Annex VIII, based on the work of the group on entry B1110 thus far, and to also review the consequential implications of the review of Annexes I, III and IV for other annexes of the Convention and for relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, for the notification and movement documents and the reporting format. It further requested the expert working group to continue its work on the basis of the way forward set out in the annex to that decision. In addition, in its decision, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat by 15 July 2019 further views on the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV prepared by the expert working group.³

The Conference of the Parties requested the regional groups that have not yet nominated 10 experts with relevant expertise to serve as members of the expert working group to nominate the remaining experts by 31 July 2019 through their Bureau representatives, and requested the Secretariat to facilitate the nomination process.

Follow up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat further views on the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV prepared by the expert working group ⁴ .	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	15 July 2019
(b)	Regional groups that have not yet nominated 10 experts with relevant expertise to serve as members of the expert working group are invited to nominate the remaining experts through their Bureau representatives, facilitated by the Secretariat. Information on current membership is available on the website ⁵ , all regional groups are invited to nominate additional experts.	Parties from all regional groups	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 July 2019

Contact point:

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¹ See decision BC-13/2, section III and annex II.

² See section III of and annex II to decision BC-13/2 on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention.

³ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/23.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/23.

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<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/ReviewofAnnexes/AnnexesI,III,IVandrelatedaspectsofAnnexIX/ExpertWorkingGroup/tabid/6105/Default.aspx>

12. National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Decision: BC-14/17: National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Background:

National legislation to implement and enforce the Convention, as well as efforts to prevent and combat illegal traffic were issues highlighted by the Conference of the Parties. In decision BC-14/17, the Conference of the Parties focused on various aspects for further work in this regard, including: active engagement of enforcement organizations and networks in preventing and combating illegal traffic, and their collaboration with the Secretariat on activities aimed at assisting Parties to prevent and combat illegal traffic; Parties' obligations to update or develop national legislation; sharing information including on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic, and reporting confirmed cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat. In addition, further work was mandated to consider whether a common interpretation of the meaning of "State of transit" may be agreed upon.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are encouraged to continue to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Texts to be provided when adopted and through the designated focal point
(b)	Parties are invited to continue to share information on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic and to report confirmed cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic.	Parties	Please submit information about confirmed cases of illegal traffic using the form. ¹	As necessary
(c)	Parties that have not yet provided the Secretariat with any of the information on national definitions of hazardous wastes required under Article 3 and paragraph 2 (b) of Article 13 of the Convention, including national lists, or any of the information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions required under paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) of Article 4 of the Convention and paragraphs 2 (c) and (d) of Article 13 of the Convention, are invited to do so and to report, through their designated focal points, any subsequent	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat using the standardized form or through the national reports for the year 2016 and subsequent years.	Submit information as soon as possible through the designated focal point.

¹ <http://basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>.

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13. Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Decision: BC-14/19: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Background:

In decision BC-14/19 the Conference of the Parties, among other things, agreed in principle with the terms of reference and programme of work for a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, establishing a working group to operate under the guidance of the Open-ended Working Group. This working group was tasked with preparing a revised version of the terms of reference and the programme of work, taking into account comments from Parties and others, and to submit it for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting. The follow-up partnership is to undertake the activities in the programme of work, starting with two priority activities (translation of the current guidance documents into additional languages and dissemination activities) and to report on its progress to the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting.

Regarding the Household Waste Partnership, the Conference of the Parties requested the working group to prepare a complete draft of the overall guidance document, taking into account the discussions at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the comments received by Parties, and taking into careful consideration the existing guidance under the Basel Convention, in particular on environmentally sound management, by 31 October 2019.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment				
(a)	Parties, signatories and all other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, relevant e-waste platforms, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, and former partners of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment are invited to indicate their interest in participating in the working group of the Partnership to the Secretariat, having regard to the specific expertise and experience required to participate in the activities of the working group.	Parties Signatories Other stakeholders	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the	30 September 2019

	comments on the terms of reference and the programme of work referred to in paragraph 1 of decision BC-14/19 to the working group of the Partnership.		Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	
Household Waste Partnership				
(c)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the draft of the overall guidance document prepared by the working group to the Secretariat.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 December 2019

Contact points:

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14. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Decision: BC-14/24: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In decision BC-14/24, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, encouraged Parties that have not yet done so to establish national-level coordination mechanisms with a view to facilitating the exchange of information among relevant authorities responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of the chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions, and encouraged Parties to provide information to the Secretariat about cases of illegal traffic and trade in the chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, where the provision of such information is appropriate under existing reporting procedures.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties to provide information to the Secretariat about cases of illegal traffic and trade in the chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, where the provision of such information is appropriate under existing reporting procedures.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	As appropriate

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15. From science to action

Decision: BC-14/25: From science to action

Background:

In decision BC-14/25, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, took note of the road map for further engaging Parties and other stakeholders in informed dialogue for enhanced science-based action in the implementation of the conventions¹ and encouraged Parties and others to initiate action that promotes the implementation of the road map.

Follow up:

Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat, information on action being undertaken to promote the implementation of the road map.	Parties Observers	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 November 2020

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¹ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/40–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/35–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/44.

16. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decision: BC-14/27: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In decision BC-14/27, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties to submit offers to host the 2023 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, if possible by 31 March 2021, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2021.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
	Parties are invited to submit offers to host the 2023 meetings of the Conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2021.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	If possible by 31 March 2021

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