

Annex to decision BC-13/17

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018–2019

<i>Topics</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Priority</i>
I. Strategic issues			
A. Strategic framework	Consider a draft compilation of information related to the indicators in the strategic framework.	Decision BC-13/1	Medium
B. Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management. 2. Consider the draft documents developed by the expert working group on environmentally sound management. 	Decision BC-13/2	High
II. Scientific and technical matters			
A. Technical guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider comments and information relating to a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-13/4, and other technical guidelines, as appropriate. 2. Update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-8/10, SC-8/11 and SC-8/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Establishment of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for the chemicals necessary to ensure that when disposed of they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention; (b) Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention; (c) Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for the Stockholm Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention. 	Decision BC-13/4	High

III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
A. Consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance	Consult with the Committee on the finalization of the guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention and on other matters as decided by the Committee.	Decision BC-13/9	High
B. Providing further legal clarity	1. Provide guidance to the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention.	Decision BC-13/2	High
	2. Consider whether to review Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention.	Decision BC-13/17	Medium
IV. International cooperation and coordination			
A. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	1. Consider, as needed, a report from the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres on the implementation of activities listed in the work programme set out in the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment.	Decision BC-13/12	Medium
	2. Consider progress made with, and provide guidance on the implementation of, the workplan of the working group of the household waste partnership established by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.	Decision BC-13/14	High
B. Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Consider progress achieved with regard to the inclusion of Basel Convention wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.	Decision BC-13/7	Medium
V. Programme of work and budget			
Financing and budget for the biennium 2018–2019	Consider the report by the Secretariat on the status of the implementation of decision BC-13/24 on the programme of work and proposed budget for the Basel Convention for the biennium 2018–2019.	Decision BC-13/24	Medium