

OEWG-8/5: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Takes note* of the programme of work set out in the annex to the note by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal on the draft programme of work for the review and updating of the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants¹ and agrees that it should form the basis for the further work for the tasks referred to in paragraphs 1 (a)–(d) of decision BC-10/9;

2. *Welcomes with appreciation* the willingness of Canada to continue to chair the small intersessional working group established in decision OEWG-1/4 until the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and to lead the following elements of the programme of work:

(a) Updating of the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;

(b) Preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride;

3. *Invites* parties to consider serving as lead countries for the following elements of the programme of work and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so by 31 October 2012:

(a) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene (HCB), mirex or toxaphene or with HCB as an industrial chemical;

(b) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polychlorinated terphenyls (PCTs) or polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs);

(c) Updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced dibenzo-p-dioxins (PCDDs), polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs), hexachlorobenzene (HCB) or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs);

(d) Preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with commercial octabromodiphenyl ether (hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether) and commercial pentabromodiphenyl ether (tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether);

4. *Invites* Canada to prepare, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, first drafts of the updated general technical guidelines and of the specific technical guidelines on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and to submit them, or a progress report, by 15 February 2013 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

5. *Invites* other lead countries or requests the Secretariat, within available resources, to prepare, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, first drafts of the technical

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guidelines referred to in paragraph 3 above and to submit them, or a progress report, by 15 February 2013 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

6. *Invites* parties and others to provide comments on the draft guidelines or progress reports referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 above by 31 March 2013 and requests the Secretariat to make them available on the website of the Basel Convention.