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**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Ninth meeting**

Geneva, 16–19 September 2014

Item 4 of the provisional agenda*

**Work programme of the Open-ended
Working Group for 2016–2017**

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Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its twelfth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal is expected to adopt the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2016–2017. In preparation for that process, and in accordance with its usual practice, the Secretariat has prepared a draft work programme for consideration by the Working Group at its ninth meeting (see annex).
2. In considering this item, the Open-Ended Working Group may wish to take into account the options for its operations set out in the annex to the note by the Secretariat (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/5) and any discussions on the issue during its ninth meeting.

II. Proposed action

3. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Takes note* of the draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017;¹
2. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat comments on the draft work programme by 7 November 2014, and requests the Secretariat to make the comments available on the website of the Basel Convention;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to revise the draft work programme, in consultation with the Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and taking into account the discussions at the ninth meeting of the Working Group, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting;

* UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/1.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/14, annex.

4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to prepare a draft decision on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017 for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

Annex

Draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017

| <i>Topics</i> | <i>Activities</i> | <i>Mandate^a</i> | <i>Priority</i> |
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| I. Strategic issues | | | |
| A. Strategic framework | Consider the preliminary mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework submitted by the Secretariat | Decision BC-11/2 | High |
| B. Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes | Review the progress that parties have made in the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration and the road map for action as developed | Annex IV to the report of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties Paragraph 109 of the report of the eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group | High |
| C. Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management | Consider the work programme and report of activities of the expert working group on environmentally sound management | Decision BC-11/1 | High |
| II. Scientific and technical matters | | | |
| A. Technical guidelines | <p>1. (a) 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, B and C to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-4/10–SC-4/18, SC-5/3 and SC-6/13 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of the Stockholm Convention; • Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention; • Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for them low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention; <p>(b) Review waste-related aspects of the draft guidance document for the inventory of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012), the draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012), the draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the use of PFOS and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012) and the draft guidance on the</p> | Decision BC-11/3 | High |

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| | best available techniques and best environmental practices for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing PBDEs listed under the Stockholm Convention (2012) | | |
| | 2. Update the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury | Decision BC-11/5 | High |
| B. Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention | 1. Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections to the list of wastes in Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention | Decision VIII/15 | High |
| | 2. Consider the amendment of the entries in Annex VIII to the Basel Convention for polychlorinated dibenzo-furans and polychlorinated dibenzo-dioxins (entry A4110), DDT and other relevant persistent organic pollutants to include concentration levels for those chemicals, after the development of an appropriate framework for establishing de minimis concentrations | Decision BC-11/3 | Medium |
| C. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes | Provide guidance on the identification of wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and related matters | Decision BC-10/10 | Medium |
| III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters | | | |
| A. Consultation with the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Convention | Consult with the Committee on the following activities of the Committee's 2016–2017 work programme: (to be completed) | Decision BC-11/8 | High |
| B. Providing further legal clarity (country-led initiative) | Consider the report of the small intersessional working group on legal clarity and, based on it and the outcome of discussions, submit recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption | Decision BC-11/1 | High |
| IV. International cooperation and coordination | | | |
| A. Basel Convention Partnership Programme | Consider the report of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, including its recommendations, and, based on these and the outcome of discussions, submit recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption | Decision BC-11/15 | High |
| B. Environmentally sound dismantling of ships | Consider the report of the Secretariat on the programmes for sustainable ship recycling and on developments in relation to the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 | Decision BC-11/16 | Medium |

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| V. Programme of work and budget | | | |
| Financing and budget for the biennium 2014–2015 | Consider the reports by the Secretariat on all sources of income received, including the reserve and fund balances and interest, together with actual, provisional and projected expenditures and commitments, and by the Executive Secretary on all expenditures against the agreed budget lines | Decision BC-11/26 | Medium |

^a. Where applicable, the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties will be added at the twelfth meeting of the Conference.