

OEWG-9/4: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling decision BC-11/5 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention,

1. *Welcomes* with appreciation the contribution made by Japan as lead country in the updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury and the small intersessional working group established in accordance with decision IX/15 of the Conference of the Parties and takes note of the draft updated technical guidelines;¹

2. *Invites* Parties and others to submit further comments on the draft updated technical guidelines to the Secretariat and the lead country by 30 September 2014;

3. *Requests* the lead country, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a revised version of the draft updated technical guidelines, taking into account the comments received pursuant to paragraph 2 above as well as the discussions at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, by 20 November 2014, for publication on the website of the Basel Convention and requests the Secretariat to transmit the draft technical guidelines as so revised for translation from English into the five other official languages of the United Nations for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting for consideration and possible adoption;

4. *Invites* Parties and others to submit further comments on the draft updated technical guidelines as revised in accordance with paragraph 3 above to the Secretariat and the lead country, by 15 February 2015, for publication on the website of the Basel Convention;

5. *Requests* the lead country, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a final draft of the updated technical guidelines, taking into account the comments received, by 21 March 2015;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit the final draft updated technical guidelines to the Conference of the Parties for consideration as an information document at its twelfth meeting;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to inform the appropriate bodies of the Minamata Convention on Mercury of the work undertaken by the Open-ended Working Group relating to the technical guidelines on mercury wastes.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/8.