

## **OEWG-9/8: Providing further legal clarity**

### *The Open-ended Working Group*

1. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the small intersessional working group on legal clarity;
2. *Invites* additional parties to nominate by 15 October 2014 experts to participate in the small intersessional working group;
3. *Invites* parties and others to submit comments by 31 October 2014 on the definitions and explanations mentioned in the meeting report of the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group<sup>1</sup> and on the options for further steps towards the consistent interpretation of terminology, including possible voluntary and legally binding options;<sup>2</sup>
4. *Invites* the small intersessional working group on legal clarity to prepare a revised version of the draft glossary including explanations, taking into account the comments received from parties and others as well as the deliberations of the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting, as reflected in the report of that meeting, and coordinating as appropriate with the expert working group on environmentally sound management;
5. *Also invites* the small intersessional working group to develop recommendations on where further guidance would be useful, on whether any terms defined in previously adopted technical guidelines and guidance documents as well as the framework for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes need to be updated as a result, and on options for further steps towards the consistent interpretation of terminology;
6. *Further invites* the small intersessional working group to submit the revised glossary of terms including explanations and the recommendations on where further guidance would be useful, on whether any terms defined in previously adopted technical guidelines and guidance documents as well as the framework for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes need to be updated as a result and on options for further steps towards the consistent interpretation of terminology to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/15.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/20, annex III.