

1. Invitation related to decision OEWG-11/2 on developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Decision: OEWG-11/2: Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Background:

By decision BC-13/2, on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention, the Conference of the Parties extended the mandate of the expert working group on environmentally sound management, adopted the work programme of the group set out in annex I to that decision and requested it to develop activities, subject to the availability of resources, to implement its work programme. By the same decision, the Conference of the Parties set out a process through which draft documents developed by the expert working group on environmentally sound management would be submitted for comment to Parties and other stakeholders and for consultation, where appropriate, with the Open-ended Working Group and the Implementation and Compliance Committee before being submitted to the Conference of the Parties for possible adoption.

Accordingly, the expert working group developed a number of guidance documents and manuals during the intersessional period, drafts of which were submitted to the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group for consultation. The Open-ended Working Group welcomed a draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements; draft guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes; and draft guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector and invited Parties and others to submit comments on the revised versions of the draft practical manual and the draft guidance to the Secretariat by 31 October 2018.

Invitation:

	Invitation	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the revised versions of the draft practical manual and the draft guidance referred to in paragraph 2 of decision OEWG-11/2 to the Secretariat	Parties and others	Please submit comments on (i) the draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements, ¹ (ii) the draft guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes, ² and (iii) the draft guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector ³ to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	31 October 2018

Secretariat contact point:

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¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/4/Rev.1 available at [http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/OpenendedWorkingGroup\(OEWG\)/Meetings/OEWG11/Overview/tabid/6258/Default.aspx](http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/OpenendedWorkingGroup(OEWG)/Meetings/OEWG11/Overview/tabid/6258/Default.aspx).

² UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/5/Rev.1, Ibid.

³ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/6/Rev.1, Ibid.