

6. Invitations related to decision OEWG-11/12 on providing further legal clarity

Decision: OEWG-11/12: Providing further legal clarity

Background:

By Decision BC-13/17, the Conference of the Parties adopted the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018-2019 whereby it, among other things, mandated the Working Group to: provide guidance to the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention; and to consider whether to review Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention.

Following its consideration of the matter, the Working Group adopted decision OEWG-11/12 whereby it, among other things, invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 31 October 2018, comments on the possible way forward leading up to the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, as presented in appendix II to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/30. In its decision, the Working Group also requested the expert working group to continue its work on the review of annexes, in accordance with appendix I to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/30, working by electronic means and, subject to the availability of funding, through a face-to-face meeting, and to prepare recommendations for revisions to Annex IV and Annex IX (B1110) for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting; requested the Secretariat to make available to Parties and observers, by 8 January 2019, the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV and Annex IX (B1110) referred to in paragraph 4 of the decision; and invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat, by 15 March 2019, comments on the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV and Annex IX (B1110).

In its decision, the Working Group further took note of the comments submitted by Parties on whether to consider the review of Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention¹ and suggested that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting consider extending the mandate of the expert working group in order for it to assess the implications of the review of Annexes I, III and IV for other annexes of the Convention and for relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, for the notification and movement documents and the reporting format, and to report on its findings to the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting.

Invitations:

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the possible way forward leading up to the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties	Parties and others	Please submit comments on the possible way forward leading up to the fifteenth and sixteenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties ² to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	31 October 2018
(b)	Parties and others invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV and Annex IX (B1110)	Parties and others	Please submit comments on the recommendations for revisions to Annex IV and Annex IX (B1110) to the Secretariat contact point provided below. Secretariat to make recommendations available by 8 January 2019.	15 March 2019

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¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/31, Ibid.

² As presented in appendix II to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/30, Ibid.