Basel Convention Controlling Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal

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**New Zealand comments on decisions taken at the 11th meeting of the OEWG of the Basel Convention**

New Zealand thanks the Secretariat for the opportunity to comment on the decisions taken at the 11th meeting of the OEWG. Please find below our comments on invitations 1, 6 and 10. We apologise for the delay in sending these comments.

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

Parties are invited to make comments on:

(i) the draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements

*New Zealand agrees with Canada’s comment about the need for collaboration between competent authorities*

(ii) the draft guidance to assist parties in developing efficient strategies for the recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes

*New Zealand has no comments*

(iii) the draft guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector

*New Zealand has no comments*

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

Parties are invited to submit comments on the possible way forward leading up to the fifteenth and sixteenth COPs (see appendix II UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11.INF30

*New Zealand is of the opinion that there needs to be a thorough review of Annexes I, VIII and IX with a view to ensuring consistency and correlation between the annexes.*

**10 - Invitation related to decision OEWG-11/14 on cooperation with the World Customs Organisation on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System**

Parties are invited to submit comments on the list of types of wastes submitted by parties.

*New Zealand considers that of the 12 types of wastes on the revised list, the following would be the most useful to request the World Customs Organization to introduce in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System, ranked in order of priority:*

1. *B1110, A1108*
2. *A1160*
3. *A3020*
4. *A4030*
5. *A3180*
6. *A1010, A1020, A1030, A1040*
7. *A4130*
8. *B3140*