

(6) Request for further comments on options for the interpretation of terms and request for comments on the draft glossary of terms

Decision: OEWG-8/7: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative: providing further legal clarity

Background:

In section C of its decision BC-10/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention requested that legal work be undertaken in two areas: the interpretation of certain terminology used in the Convention and a list of other relevant terms related to the implementation of the Convention, and the problem posed by used and end-of-life goods.

The Open-ended Working Group at its eighth meeting took note of the report on the interpretation of certain terminology (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/13/Rev.1) and of the study on used and end-of-life goods (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/14/Rev.1) prepared as described in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/10.

The Working Group agreed that of the four options suggested in the terminology report, as a first step guidance should be developed as the way forward to provide national authorities, regional centres and all other stakeholders with consistent advice on the interpretation of certain terminology, including waste/non-waste, hazardous wastes/non-hazardous wastes, reuse, direct reuse, refurbishment, second-hand goods, used goods and end-of-life goods.

The Working Group also requested the Secretariat, taking into account the above mentioned report and study as well as discussions at the eighth meeting Working Group, existing guidance and examples of good practice, to prepare by 30 November 2012 a draft glossary of those terms as a first step towards the development of guidance, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

Requests:

- Parties and others are invited to send, by 15 February 2013, further comments on options for the interpretation of terms, considering both voluntary and legally-binding options.
- Parties and others are invited to send, by 15 February 2013, comments on the draft glossary to be prepared by the Secretariat and made available on the website of the Convention by 30 November 2012.

Method of submission:

- Documents UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/13/Rev.1 and UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/14/Rev.1 are available on the Basel Convention's website under OEWG-8 section (www.basel.int). Decision OEWG-8/7: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative: providing further legal clarity will also be made available there.
- The draft glossary of terms will be made available by 30 November 2012 through a Secretariat Communication and on the Convention's website at <http://www.basel.int/tabid/2673/Default.aspx>
- Please submit the comments to the Secretariat by e-mail (juliette.kohler@unep.org) or by Fax (+41 22 917 8098).

Deadline for submissions:

- **15 February 2013**

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