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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input type="checkbox"/> RC <input type="checkbox"/> SC <input type="checkbox"/> SYN		Coordination and provision of support to Parties in follow-up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity (PoW 34) - provision of legal clarity	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Global
MANDATE			
Convention Article: Articles 1, 2 and 4 of , and annexes I, III, IV and IX to the Basel Convention COP decision(s): Decision BC-13/2: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention - Part III on providing further legal clarity, decision BC-13/17: Work programme and operations of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018–2019			
Rationale			
<p>The activities on the provision of legal clarity are part of a continuum of activities initiated at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10) that focus on critical issues pertaining to the effective implementation of the Basel Convention mandated by the COP. Past activities have focused on the development of a glossary of terms by a small intersessional working group on legal clarity and the initiation of a process for the review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Convention, led by Canada and undertaken in consultation with that group. Follow up activities on the review of the annexes were decided by COP-13 in its decision BC-13/2 whereby an expert working group was established with the mandate to review annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX, and intersessional work was initiated with respect to the review of Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention, with the possibility for OEWG-11 to decide upon additional activities.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
Outcomes: The expert working group on the review of the annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of annex IX and lead Party/ies are effectively supported in their work as mandated by COP-13; Initial activities with respect to the review of Annexes II, VIII and IX that may be requested by OEWG-11, in addition to the compilation of views submitted by Parties on the matter, are undertaken.			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Effective support is provided to the lead Party/Parties and the expert working group on the review of the annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of annex IX to the Convention; 2. Work on legal clarity, including on the review of Annexes II, VIII and IX, is completed as per the mandate from COP-13 and OEWG-11. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting documents for OEWG-11 2. Meeting documents for COP-14 and feedback from Parties and the expert working group on the review of the Annexes; 3. COP-14 meeting report and associated decisions. 	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018		Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

Sustainable Development Goals: This activity contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Gender mainstreaming: In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will, where appropriate, encourage governments and observers to take into account gender-related aspects in nominating representatives to the meetings of the working groups, and in other relevant activities where suitable. The Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of matters considered, in particular as to vulnerable groups who may suffer greater exposure to and harm from hazardous wastes.

Integrated Approach: The activity catalyses cooperation among Parties and relevant stakeholders, including civil society and private sector, thus promoting the integration of chemicals and wastes into national budgets, sectors and development plans, and enhancing private-public relationships and partnerships. As such, this activity contributes to the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes.

PARTNERS

The work on legal clarity is led by Parties and experts nominated by Parties. Observers from industry and civil society participate as observers in the work of the expert working group on legal clarity.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]

Activity	Output type	Budget
Hire consultant to support experts in the EWG with the review of annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX	Experts' support	100,000
Hire consultant to support Parties with the review of annexes II, VIII and IX	Parties' support	25,000
Organize travel for staff to support meeting of the expert working group (EWG) on the review of the Annexes	Meeting and travel costs	10,000
Hold two face to face meetings of the EWG on the review of Annexes	Meeting and travel costs	225,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		360,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>46,800</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		406,800