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**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**

Seventh meeting

Geneva, 25–29 October 2004

Item 9 of the provisional agenda*

Other matters

**Date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the
Parties**

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. The Expanded Bureau of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention was requested to provide guidance at its fourth meeting to the Secretariat as to whether the issue of the date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties might be included on the agenda of the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Under rule 3 of the rules of procedure for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, “[t]he meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the Secretariat, unless other appropriate arrangements are made by the Secretariat in consultation with the Parties”. Rule 4, paragraph 2, provides that “[a]t each ordinary meeting, the Conference shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting”.
3. The Government of Kenya has formally expressed its interest in hosting the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Certain other Parties have also indicated that they might be interested in hosting the meeting. The Secretariat reviewed the practice of other multilateral environmental agreements and observed that, when multiple expressions of interest have been received, it has been the practice for the Conference of the Parties of those conventions to adhere to the practice of deciding, at each meeting, the date and venue of the following meeting.
4. The Expanded Bureau recommended (UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/6/4/6), that the issue of the date and venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties be included on the agenda of the seventh meeting for consideration under the item “Other matters”.

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I. Implementation

5. The Secretariat has placed this issue under item 9 of the provisional agenda for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

II. Proposed action

6. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider adopting a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 15 of the Basel Convention, which states that “ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at regular intervals to be determined by the Conference at its first meeting”,

Recalling also decision I/1, in which the Conference adopted the rules of procedure for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, rule 4 of which provides that “[o]rdinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held every other year, unless the Parties decide otherwise” and that “[a]t each ordinary meeting, the Conference shall decide on the date and duration of the next ordinary meeting”,

Recognizing the benefits that may accrue to the Convention and to Parties, particularly those with developing economies, that host meetings of the Conference of the Parties in different regions of the world,

[1. *Notes* with appreciation the interest of the Government of [.....] in hosting the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enter into consultations with the Government of [.....] with a view to agreeing on satisfactory arrangements and concluding a host country agreement for hosting the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Decides* that, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of consultations between the Government of [.....] and the Executive Secretary on arrangements for the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the eighth meeting shall be held in [.....] from xx to xx200...]

7. Alternatively, if more than one Government formally transmits an expression of interest in hosting the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Secretariat, the Conference may wish to consider adopting a decision containing the preamble indicated above, with operative paragraphs along the following lines:

[1. *Decides* that the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be held from xx to xx200..;

2. *Invites* Parties that may have an interest in hosting the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to so inform the Executive Secretary no later than 31 December 2004;

3. *Requests* the Expanded Bureau at its first meeting after 31 December 2004 to review the offers received by the Executive Secretary and, subject to receipt of sufficient information, to decide upon the most suitable venue;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the light of a decision by the Bureau on the venue of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, to conclude a host country agreement with the Government selected by the Bureau to host the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.]
