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**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Ninth meeting
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Item 7 (h) of the provisional agenda***
**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties
at its eighth meeting: technical matters**

National classification and control procedures for the import of wastes contained in Annex IX

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. Reference is made to decisions VI/19, VII/20 and VIII/22 on national classification and control procedures for the import of wastes contained in Annex IX to the Basel Convention.

II. Implementation

2. At the sixth session of the Open-ended Working Group, in September 2007, a representative drew the Working Group's attention to inconsistencies in the Parties' submissions pursuant to decision VIII/22 and in those provided in response to a European Commission questionnaire related to the European Union regulation on the export of non-hazardous waste to non-member countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. He urged Parties to provide consistent responses under both processes.

3. By its decision OEWG-VI/12, the Open-ended Working Group encouraged those Parties experiencing difficulties with national classification or control procedures relating to the import of wastes contained in Annex IX that had not provided the Secretariat with information on those difficulties to complete the questionnaire for reporting such difficulties and return it to the Secretariat, if possible by 30 March 2008.

4. As of 30 March 2008 the Secretariat had not received any completed questionnaires from such Parties.

* UNEP/CHW.9/1.

III. Proposed action

5. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider adopting a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decisions VI/19, VII/20 and VIII/22 on national classification and control procedures for the import of wastes contained in Annex IX to the Basel Convention,

1. *Encourages* those Parties experiencing difficulties with national classification or control procedures relating to the import of wastes contained in Annex IX that have not provided the Secretariat with information on those difficulties to complete the questionnaire developed for reporting such difficulties and return it to the Secretariat, if possible by 31 December 2008;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a compilation of the information received from Parties on their difficulties with national classification or control procedures relating to the import of wastes contained in Annex IX and to post that information on the website of the Basel Convention (<http://www.basel.int>) and update it on a continuous basis;

3. *Also requests* the Secretariat to prepare a consolidated report based on any such information received and to transmit that report to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its tenth meeting.
