

VII/30. Mechanism for implementation and compliance: work programme for 2005–2006

The Conference of the Parties,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Basel Convention,

Recalling decision VI/12, in which the Conference of the Parties established a mechanism for promoting implementation of and compliance with the Basel Convention,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the mechanism set forth in the appendix to decision VI/12, and in particular paragraph 21, providing for the review by the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of general issues of compliance and implementation as directed by the Conference of the Parties,

Also noting the requirement for environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes as defined by the Convention,

1. *Approves* the work programme for 2005–2006 of the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance, contained in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Requests* the committee to establish priorities and work methods and schedules as regards the issues identified in the work programme and to coordinate with the Open-ended Working Group so as to avoid duplication of activities;
3. *Recognizes* the need to provide the committee with sufficient funding in order to enable it to function effectively and to carry out its work programme;
4. *Requests* the committee to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on the work it has carried out to fulfil its functions in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 24 of the terms of reference of the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance;
5. *Calls upon* Parties to make use of the mechanism for promoting implementation of and compliance with the Basel Convention, noting that it is non-confrontational, transparent, cost-effective and preventive in nature, simple, flexible, non-binding and oriented in the direction of helping Parties to implement the provisions of the Basel Convention, that it pays particular attention to the special needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and that it is intended to promote cooperation between all Parties;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to compile the views of the Parties as regards the general issues of compliance and implementation and the priorities that, in the view of the Parties, the committee should review, and provide them to the committee for its consideration in connection with the draft work programme for 2007–2008.

Annex

Work programme for 2005–2006 of the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting the Implementation and Compliance

1. During the biennium 2005–2006, the committee shall review the following general issues in accordance with paragraph 21 of the terms of reference and in accordance with the priorities and budget decided by the Conference of the Parties:

(a) Identification and analysis of difficulties relating to reporting obligations under the Basel Convention;

(b) Identification and analysis of difficulties relating to designation and functioning of national competent authorities and focal points;

(c) Identification and analysis of difficulties relating to development of national legislation to implement effectively the Basel Convention.

2. In doing so, the committee shall take full account of the previous discussions and decisions by the Basel Convention bodies on the relevant issues, and shall also take account of its mandate to complement the work performed by other bodies of the Basel Convention and by the Basel Convention regional centres.

3. When the committee receives specific submissions in accordance with paragraph 9 of the terms of reference, it shall give priority to dealing with such submissions.