



COMMUNICATION

IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE:

UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS WORK PROGRAMME AND CONSULTANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention hereby draws the attention of Parties and Signatories to two tools recently elaborated by the Implementation and Compliance Committee and available on the website of the Convention at http://www.basel.int/legalmatters/compcommitee/index.html

The Directory of Training Institutions Offering Activities Aimed at Improving Capacity for Detection. Prevention and Prosecution of Cases of Illegal Traffic was elaborated on the basis of decision VIII/32, in which the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties decided that, as part of its work programme for the biennium 2007-2008, the Committee would "undertake work on the issue of illegal traffic, which could include identifying available existing resources from a number of institutions, working in collaboration with such institutions and the Basel Convention regional centres, and assisting Parties through training, taking into account that such work would assist in ensuring the environmentally sound management of wastes". As a way to implement this mandate, the Committee agreed that it would develop a directory of training institutions offering training activities at the national, regional and international levels aimed at improving capacity for detection, prevention and prosecution of cases of illegal traffic, to serve as a useful source of information for governments and others. The directory is a compilation of filled questionnaires received by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention. The Committee thanks those governments and institutions that have contributed to the development of this directory and hopes that it will prove to be a useful resource for Parties and others wishing to engage in training activities aimed at improving capacity for detection, prevention and prosecution of cases of illegal traffic.

During its eight meeting, the Conference of the Parties also mandated the Committee to further develop its understanding of national reporting issues with a view to providing guidance on how national reporting could be improved (Decision VIII/32). In fulfilling its mandate, the Committee decided to develop a Guidance document on improving national reporting by Parties to the Basel Convention. This document was approved by the Committee following its seventh session (25-26) June 2009). It is a practical guide for the national technical officials responsible for the collection of information for the preparation of the national reports that are to be submitted annually to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention. The guidance document, currently available in English, is in the process of being translated in the five other UN languages.

The Secretariat further brings to the attention of Parties and Signatories that the Committee has initiated work on the development of a strategy for generating resources for the implementation fund established during the ninth Conference of the Parties (Decision IX/2). The

Secretariat is currently seeking applications for a 35-day consultancy position to assist the Committee in undertaking this task. More information is available on the website of the Convention http://www.basel.int/legalmatters/compcommitee/index.html

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and assistance.

Secretariat of the Basel Convention

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