
COMMUNICATION**FOLLOW-UP TO DECISION BC-10/3 ON THE INDONESIAN-SWISS COUNTRY-LED
INITIATIVE (CLI) – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM PARTIES AND OTHER
STAKEHOLDERS**

At its tenth meeting, held from 17 to 21 October 2011 in Cartagena, Colombia, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted decision BC-10/3 on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention.

Section B of this decision notes that a more systematic and comprehensive effort is needed to improve guidance on environmentally sound management of wastes and, to this end, suggests actions to complete the development of a framework for the environmentally sound management of wastes and other wastes, including consideration of ways in which the framework and its elements might be linked to the issue of transboundary movement of hazardous and other wastes.

The decision further mandates a technical expert group, consisting of members nominated by Parties based in equitable geographical representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, to undertake the work to develop the abovementioned framework. The decision also invites the Secretariat to disseminate information that it receives on existing activities undertaken by Parties and other stakeholders to ensure the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

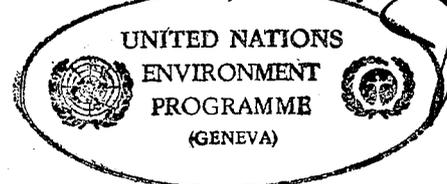
In response to the abovementioned decision and in support of the work of the technical expert group, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving the following information from Parties and other stakeholders:

- Information on existing activities undertaken by Parties and others to ensure environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, including the development of technical guidelines, national legislation, reference documentation and other guidance;
- Views on key elements of a framework for the environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes, taking into consideration the annex to decision BC-10/3;
- Aspects the technical expert group should consider in developing the framework;
- Views on how the future framework might be applied.

The Secretariat shall subsequently compile this information for submission to, and consideration by, the first meeting of the technical expert group.

Parties and other stakeholders are invited to submit their information to the Secretariat (susan.wingfield@unep.org) by **16 March 2012**.

Secretariat of the Basel Convention
Geneva, 31 January 2012



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