



## BASEL CONVENTION

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**Subject: Invitation to comment on the draft assessment on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by MARPOL, undertaken by the Public Waste Agency of Flanders, on behalf of Belgium, pursuant to decision BC-11/17**

Dear Sir or Madam,

By decision BC-11/17 on the cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization, the Conference of the Parties reiterated its invitation to parties contained in decision BC-10/16 to undertake an assessment on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL), in close consultation with the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

In October 2013, the Public Waste Agency of Flanders (OVAM) informed the Secretariat of its intention to undertake the assessment. OVAM submitted a report on the status and methodology for the development of the assessment to the Open-ended Working Group, for its consideration at its ninth meeting (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/28).

You will find attached to this letter the draft assessment on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by MARPOL Convention, as prepared by OVAM, in consultation with the IMO.

This letter is to solicit comments by 30 January 2015 on the attached draft assessment on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered MARPOL. Comments should be sent to Ms Marylene Beau ([marylene.beau@brsmeas.org](mailto:marylene.beau@brsmeas.org)).

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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