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COMMUNICATION

DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT

DRAFT MANUALS AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE EXPERT WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT

The Conference of the Parties, at its thirteenth meeting, decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group on environmentally sound management and adopted its work programme set out in the annex to decision BC-13/2. The Conference of the Parties requested that draft documents developed by the expert working group be submitted for comment to Parties and other stakeholders and for consultation, where appropriate, with the Open-ended Working Group and the Implementation and Compliance Committee before being submitted to the Conference of the Parties for adoption.

Since the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the expert working group has worked electronically and held one physical meeting from 13 to 15 November 2017 in Accra, Ghana. During this intersessional period, it has progressed its work on the activities in its work programme and produced the following draft documents which have been submitted to the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-11) for its consideration:

- Draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements (document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/4)
- Draft guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving recycling and recovery of hazardous and other wastes (document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/5)
- Draft guidance on how to address environmentally sound management in the informal sector (document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/6)
- Draft practical manuals on Extended Producer Responsibility and on financing systems for environmentally sound management (document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/7)

These documents are available on the website of the Open-ended Working Group at: www.basel.int/oewg11.

Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the draft documents to the Secretariat (Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org) by 31 August 2018.

To: Focal Points of Parties to the Basel Convention
Observers to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

All comments received will be made available on the Basel Convention website¹ in advance of the meeting. Following discussions at OEWG-11, the expert working group will revise the abovementioned documents, taking into account the discussions at OEWG-11 and the comments received. The documents will then be submitted to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties for its consideration and possible adoption.

Any questions pertaining to this matter may be addressed to Ms. Susan Wingfield (susan.wingfield@brsmeas.org). The Secretariat would like to thank you in advance for the valuable consideration and inputs provided to the further development of these documents.



Secretariat of the Basel Convention
Geneva, 31 July 2018

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<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/CountryLedInitiative/EnvironmentallySoundManagement/ESMToolkit/CommentsreceivedfromPartiesandothers/tabid/5906/Default.aspx>.