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Subject: Recommendations by the expert working group on the review of Annexes for possible amendment proposals to Annex IV and to entries A1180 and B1110 in Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention, and findings of the expert working group on the consequential implications of the review of Annex IV to the Convention - Invitation for comments by 15 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in furtherance to decision BC-14/16: Providing further legal clarity, and to the third meeting of the expert working group on the review of Annexes of the Basel Convention (Bratislava, Slovakia, 5-8 November 2019).

In its decision BC-14/16, the Conference of the Parties, among other things:

- Extended the mandate of the expert working group¹ to also review entry B1110 in Annex IX and the mirror entry A1180 in Annex VIII, based on the work of the group on entry B1110 thus far;
- Requested the expert working group to continue its work on the basis of the way forward set out in the annex to its decision which provides, among other things, that amendment proposals to Annex IV, Annex VIII (A1180) and Annex IX (B1110) are to be presented and discussed by the Open-ended Working Group at its twelfth meeting (OEWG-12, Geneva, 22-25 June 2020);
- Extended the mandate of the expert working group to also review the consequential implications of the review of Annexes I, III and IV for other annexes of the Convention and for relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, for the notification and movement documents and the reporting format, and to report on its findings on the possible consequential implications of the review of Annex IV for other annexes of the Convention and for relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties, inter alia, for the notification and movement documents and the reporting format, following its own consideration of the matter, to the OEWG-12.

During its third meeting, the expert working group accordingly developed recommendations for possible amendment proposals to Annex IV and to entries A1180 and B1110 in Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention, as well as findings on the consequential implications of the review of Annex IV to the Convention, for the consideration of the OEWG-12, which are set out in the annex to the report of that meeting (document UNEP/CHW/RA_EWG.3/8).

During its third meeting, the expert working group also agreed to invite by 15 April 2020 comments by Parties and observers on its recommendations and findings, and requested the Secretariat to compile the comments received in an information document for OEWG-12.

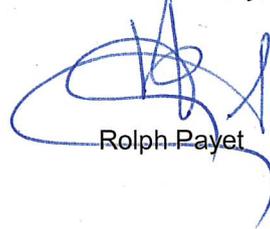
¹ See section III of and annex II to decision BC-13/2 on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention.

You will find attached the recommendations of the group for possible amendment proposals to Annex IV and to entries A1180 and B1110 in Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention, and the group's findings on the consequential implications of the review of Annex IV to the Convention. For ease of reference, you will also find attached the report of the third meeting of the expert working group which provides more context to the development of the recommendations and findings. Additional documents for the third meeting of the expert working group can be found on the website of the Convention at: <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/LegalClarity/Meetings/3rdRAEWGmtg/tabid/8108/Default.aspx>

Please send your comments on the expert working group's recommendations and findings to the Secretariat (Ms. Juliette Voinov Kohler; e-mail: juliette.kohler@brsmeas.org) by **15 April 2020**.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,



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Observers to the meetings of the bodies of the Basel Convention

Cc: Competent authorities and Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva
Members and observers of the expert working group on the review of Annexes