

BASEL CONVENTION

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Subject: Follow-up to the invitations to provide written comments at the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (Geneva, 25 to 28 June 2024)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its fourteenth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention agreed to invite Parties and observers or others to provide written comments to the Secretariat on various products reflecting the outcomes of the meeting.

A compilation of these requests, organized by agenda item where appropriate, is contained in the annex to the present letter. Please note the varying deadlines for the submission of comments depending on the agenda item. Please also take note of the contact points and email addresses indicated in the annex to use for each item.

The information set out in this letter are also available on the Convention's website under: "Call for information in follow-up to the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group to the Basel Convention".

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Susan Wingfield, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (Email: susan.wingfield@un.org).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,



Rolph Payet
Executive Secretary

Enc: Compilation of requests for transmission of comments after the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group

To: Basel Convention focal points
Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

Cc: Representatives of Parties and observers participating in the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group
Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva
Basel Convention competent authorities
Members of the Bureau of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group

Annex

Compilation of requests from the Open-ended Working Group, organised according to agenda item

1. Agenda item 3(a)(i) on Strategic framework

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft renewed strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention, as revised during the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/3/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Andrea Lechner, email: andrea.lechner@un.org

2. Agenda item 3(a)(ii) on Work to improve the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, as revised during the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, and views on which options the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting should identify to work on as a priority	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/4/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Tatiana Terekhova, email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org

3. Agenda item 3 (b)(i) a. on Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, as revised during the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/5/Rev.1 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/6/Rev.2 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/7/Rev.1 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/8/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Melisa Lim, email : melisa.lim@un.org

4. Agenda item 3(b)(i) b. on Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to use and/or test, on a pilot basis, the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention and to submit the results of their use and/or testing to the Secretariat for consideration by the expert working group	UNEP/CHW.16/INF/10/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Carla Valle Klann: carla.valle@un.org

5. Agenda item 3(b)(i) c. on Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and on other waste batteries

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft updated technical guidelines on ESM of WLAB and draft technical guidelines on ESM of other waste batteries, as revised during the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/9/Rev.1 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/10/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Francesca Cenni: francesca.cenni@un.org

6. Agenda item 3(b)(i) d. on Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres, as revised during the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/11/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Melisa Lim, email : melisa.lim@un.org

7. Agenda item 3(b)(ii) on National reporting

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on: a) The types of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful b) The possible revisions to table 9 of the reporting format and to the manual for completing the format for national reporting	a) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/5 b) UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/13	Parties	30 September 2024

Contact point: Ms. Melisa Lim, email : melisa.lim@un.org

8. Agenda item 3(b)(iv) on Further consideration of plastic waste

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on further activities that could be conducted under the Basel Convention in response to developments in scientific knowledge and environmental information related to plastic waste, as well as in the consideration by the intergovernmental negotiating committee referred to in paragraph 1 of resolution 5/14 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/15/Rev.1	Parties and observers	31 December 2024

Contact point: Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, email: kei.ohno@un.org

9. Agenda item 3(b)(v) on Waste containing nanomaterials

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide any new information related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials, including case studies about and best practices relating to the management of waste containing nanomaterials	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/8	Parties and observers	31 December 2024

Contact point: Ms. Mehrnoosh Azodi, email: mehrnoosh.azodi@un.org

10. Agenda item 3(b)(vi) on Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX on e-waste

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the overview of proposed updates to documents listed in paragraph 1 of decision BC-16/12	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/9, annex	Parties	31 December 2024

Contact point: Ms. Francesca Cenni : francesca.cenni@un.org

11. Agenda item 3(d)(i) a. on Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the draft guidance document on television screens and video and audio equipment, on the guidance document on refrigerators and cooling and heating equipment, and on the draft programme of work of the working group of the Partnership for the biennium 2026–2027	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/31 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/32 UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/33, annex II	Parties and observers	31 August 2024

Contact point: Ms. Francesca Cenni : francesca.cenni@un.org

12. Agenda item 3(d)(i) b. on Household Waste Partnership

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide comments on the further revised draft of the overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/34	Parties and others	31 August 2024

Contact point: Mr. Jost Dittkrist, email: jost.dittkrist@un.org; Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org

13. Agenda item 3(d)(ii) on Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Timelines for submission
Invitation to provide information ¹ to the Secretariat, with a view to assisting it in preparing proposals for amending the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System with respect to the types of wastes set out in subparagraph 3 (a) of decision BC-14/9 for which no proposals have yet been developed	UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/37, annex I	Parties and others	30 September 2024

Contact point: Ms. Melisa Lim, email : melisa.lim@un.org

¹ As specified in annex II to document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.14/INF/37.