

BC-11/12: Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting that the current decision relates to implementation of section D on further strengthening the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres of decision BC-10/3 on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention,

1. *Takes note of:*

(a) The information provided by the Secretariat on the strengthening of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres;

(b) The business plans for the bienniums 2012–2013 and 2014–2015 submitted by the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres;

(c) The activity reports for the period January 2011–December 2012 submitted by the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres;

2. *Encourages* any centre that has not yet submitted a business plan to do so as soon as possible;

3. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to submit to the Secretariat their activity reports for the period January 2013–December 2014 by 31 December 2014 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its twelfth meeting;

4. *Also requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to submit business plans for the biennium 2016–2017 by 30 September 2015:

5. *Encourages* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to continue to strive to mobilize financial resources for the implementation of their capacity-building activities with the aim of assisting parties in the implementation of their obligations under the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to provide guidance on effective governance and administrative arrangements for the centres and further strengthen their independent operation, subject to the availability of resources;

(b) To continue to facilitate capacity-building activities and pilot projects conducted by the centres, subject to the availability of resources;

(c) To increase efforts to facilitate financial resource mobilization by the centres, including by linking the centres in their implementation of capacity-building activities and pilot projects with the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, the regional development banks and bilateral donors;

(d) To foster a coordinated approach in its relations with the regional centres of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, while recognizing the specificities of the centres of each convention;

7. *Urges* parties and signatories, especially donor countries, and invites other stakeholders in a position to do so and, where appropriate, multilateral donors, to provide adequate, sustainable and predictable financial and technical support directly to the centres in their implementation of capacity-building activities and pilot projects to enable the centres to assist parties to implement their obligations under the Convention ;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.