BC-11/15: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

The Conference of the Parties

1.   *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, and welcomes the report submitted by the co-chairs of the Partnership Working Group;[1]

2.   *Expresses appreciation* for the financial and in-kind contributions made to the Partnership by parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;

3.   *Adopts*, without prejudice to national legislation, sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment and takes note of the recommendations set forth therein;[2]

4.   *Confirms* that section 3 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment may be revised following the adoption of the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electronic and electrical waste (e-waste), in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste, in order to avoid duplications and discrepancies;

5.   *Agrees* to extend the mandate of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment until the end of 2015 to complete the work programme for 2014–2015 as set out in the annex to the present decision;

6.   *Requests* the Partnership to undertake the tasks set out in its work programme for 2014–2015 and to report thereon, including possible recommendations, to the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting;

7.   *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to consider, at its ninth meeting, the report of the Partnership, including its recommendations, and based on these and the outcome of its discussions thereon to submit recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption;

8.   *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document and guidelines approved by the Partnership and to continue to hold training and outreach workshops, subject to the availability of funding;

9.   *Invites* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to participate in the implementation of pilot projects on the collection and management of used computing equipment by informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, subject to the availability of funding;

10.   *Invites* additional parties and other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations, in particular from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate in the activities of the Partnership Working Group;

11.   *Encourages* parties and other stakeholders to make financial or in-kind contributions or both:

(a)   To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Partnership;

(b)   To facilitate the implementation of pilot projects on the collection and management of end-of-life computing equipment from informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(c)   To facilitate the identification of actions and incentives that can be taken to promote the environmentally sound reuse, refurbishment, repair, recycling and material recovery of used and end-of life computing equipment;

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[1] UNEP/CHW.11/INF/11.

[2] UNEP/CHW.11/6/Add.1/Rev.1

12. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to facilitate and provide expertise to the Partnership;

(b) To report on progress in the activities undertaken by the Partnership to the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

Annex to decision BC-11/15

Partnership work programme for 2014–2015

The following tasks are to be undertaken by the Partnership Working Group:

(a) Continue to hold training workshops on technical guidelines in the regions;

(b) Continue pilot projects on the collection and management of used and end-of-life computing equipment by informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(c) Continue to develop plans for the financial sustainability of pilot projects and resource mobilization for future projects;

(d) Develop strategies on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;

(e) Enhance awareness-raising and training on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;

(f) Develop approaches to improve and encourage, as appropriate, timely transboundary movements of end-of-life computing equipment for recycling and material recovery;

(g) Continue to identify actions and incentives that can be taken to promote environmentally sound reuse, refurbishment, repair, recycling and material recovery of used and end-of-life computing equipment through the implementation of the Partnership guidelines and existing certification schemes;

(h) Continue to assess the possibility of using facility certification as a tool for assuring the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment