

VII/8. Capacity-building for implementation of the Strategic Plan

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision VI/11 on capacity-building and its decision V/5 on the regional centres for training and technology transfer,

Welcoming the specific activities carried out by the Basel Convention regional centres and Parties in close cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to implement the Strategic Plan,

Emphasizing the importance of aiming at the mutually supportive implementation of related multilateral environmental agreements in the context of the life-cycle approach to the environmentally sound management of chemicals and wastes,

Recognizing in particular the need for close collaboration with the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants with regard to the life-cycle management of persistent organic and inorganic pollutants and hazardous chemicals,

Bearing in mind that capacity-building, information exchange, awareness-raising and education in all sectors of society are of paramount importance for achieving the aims of the Basel Convention,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to cooperate with the Basel Convention regional centres, Parties, non-Parties, international organizations, the industry sector and non-governmental organizations, to enhance the worldwide knowledge and the practical implementation of the Basel Convention through awareness-raising and capacity-building activities, subject to the availability of funds;

2. *Further requests* the Secretariat to continue to collaborate closely with UNEP Chemicals, the secretariats of the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention and other partners, including the Basel Convention regional centres, with regard to the organization of joint training and capacity-building activities, in particular laying emphasis on socio-economic and financial production models;

3. *Encourages* the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional centres, to continue to develop capacity-building activities such as workshops, project activities, training materials and decision-supportive tools, in close consultation and partnership with key partners from Governments, specialized agencies, the industry sector, universities and non-governmental organizations, with a view to addressing the needs of Parties for the environmentally sound management of priority waste streams, including, but not limited to, electronic wastes, lead and used lead-acid batteries, used oils, obsolete stocks of pesticides, PCBs, dioxins and furans, asbestos and materials resulting from the dismantling of ships, biomedical and healthcare wastes;

4. *Invites* Parties, non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, members of the industry and business sectors and non-governmental organizations to provide financial resources or assistance in-kind to assist countries in need of such assistance in the development of specific capacity-building projects, training, information and awareness-raising activities;

5. *Also invites* Parties to inform the Secretariat of their capacity-building activities and awareness and educational materials related to the implementation of the Basel Convention, to enable it to disseminate such information to other Parties and stakeholders;

6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to submit a report on the activities related to capacity-building to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.