

VIII/10: Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2007–2008

The Conference of the Parties

Adopts the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2007–2008 contained in the annex to the present decision.

Annex to decision VIII/10

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I. Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention (to 2010)			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
A. Strategic Plan	Consider developments and obstacles in the implementation of the Strategic Plan.	Report of the Committee of the Whole (UNEP/CHW.8/16, annex II), para. 15	High
B. Basel Convention regional centres	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat and to the centres on the improvement of the centres' administration, governance and operational effectiveness. 2. Review the operation of the centres. 3. Consider the proposal on the establishment of a regional centre for South Asia. 	VIII/3 VIII/4	High
C. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the work undertaken by the Secretariat and by the Basel Convention regional centres to implement the relevant parts of the work plan of the Basel Convention Partnership Programme for 2007–2008. 2. Consider the guidance document on ESM of used and end of life mobile phones. 3. Provide guidance to MPPI. 	VIII/5 VIII/6	High

II. Scientific and technical matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
A. Harmonization and coordination	Review the outcome of the work of the Joint Correspondence Group between the Open-ended Working Group and the United Nations	VIII/19	Medium

II. Scientific and technical matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
	Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.		
B. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	1. Consider and review any applications for the adjustment (removal or addition) of wastes in Annexes VIII and IX and report on the matter, through the Secretariat, to the Conference of the Parties. 2. Consider the amendment of entries relating to POPs. 3. Carry out a technical review of the wording of entries in the different language versions of Annexes VIII and IX.	VIII/15 VIII/16	High
	4. Review work on the preparation of a guidance paper on hazard characteristic H10 and the revision of H11.	VIII/21	Medium
	5. Review issues relating to national classification and control procedures for wastes.	VIII/22	Medium
	6. Review issues concerning the identification of certain categories of wastes in the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals of the World Customs Organization and related matters.	VIII/20	Medium
C. Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management	1. Review selected technical guidelines and initiate updating as necessary (e.g., D10, D5, Y46, used tyres).	VIII/17	High
	2. Review and update the technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutant (POP) wastes, if appropriate, and review disposal methods when the POP content in wastes is beneath low POP content.	VIII/16	High

III. Dismantling of ships			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
Environmentally sound dismantling and abandonment of ships	1. Keep under review developments in this field in other international forums. 2. Address issues such as roles and responsibilities in the draft ship recycling convention and those relevant to the Basel Convention. 3. Consider the information submitted on the guidance on how best to deal with ships that are abandoned.	VIII/11 VIII/12 VIII/13	High

IV. Legal and compliance			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
A. Illegal traffic	Consider the draft instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic.	VIII/24	High
B. Implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention	Review the implementation of decision V/32 and provide guidance to the Secretariat on steps to be taken, which may include the development of a strategic plan to strengthen the capacity of countries to respond to emergencies and the transmittal of a questionnaire regarding incidents as defined under paragraph 2 (h) of article 2 of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.	Report of the Committee of the Whole (UNEP/CHW.8/16, annex II), para. 63	High
C. Protocol on Liability and Compensation	Provide guidance to the Secretariat on steps to address the obstacles and difficulties faced by the Parties in the process of ratification of or accession to the Protocol, including on issues relating to insurance and other financial guarantees.	VIII/25	High
D. Interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the Convention	Address the interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 and develop a draft decision for the Conference of the Parties.	VIII/30	High

V. Resource mobilization and sustainable financing			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
Resource mobilization and	Monitor implementation of the decision of the Conference of the Parties on	VIII/34	High

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VI. Cooperation and coordination			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
A. Cooperation and coordination between the Basel Convention and chemicals-related multilateral environmental agreements and programmes, with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations	Monitor, review and provide guidance to the Secretariat and Basel Convention regional centres on the development of cooperation with the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management and on cooperation with UNEP and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.	VIII/8	High
B. Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the IMO	Consider information on the respective competencies of the Basel Convention and MARPOL 73/78 in respect of hazardous wastes and other wastes, any gaps between those instruments and any options for addressing those gaps.	VIII/9	High

VII. Financial matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
Budget and other financial matters	1. Provide guidance on and review the preparation of the budget and other related financial matters. 2. Monitor the status of payments of arrears.	VIII/33	High

VIII. Decisions of the Conference of the Parties			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting	Priority
Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties	Review and submit draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, including on the development of a workplan on the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste.	e.g., VIII/2	High