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Subject: Call for information in follow-up to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (face-to-face segment, 6-17 June 2022)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At the face-to-face segment of its fifteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted a number of decisions that invited Parties and others to provide information. The full set of decisions adopted at this segment of the meeting is contained in Annex I to the meeting report, which will be made available on the Basel Convention website in due course: www.basel.int. To facilitate responses to the various invitations for information, please find enclosed a summary of the individual decisions that contain such invitations. Please bear in mind that this letter does not reflect the full set of decisions.

The information set out in this letter is also available on the Convention's website under: "[Call for information in follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters will also be sent to Parties and observers to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions as a follow-up to the face-to-face segments of the tenth meetings of their respective conferences of the Parties. The invitations for information pertaining to joint issues of the three conventions have been included in each of the individual letters.

Should you have any queries, please contact Ms. Marylene Beau, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions (email: marylene.beau@un.org; Tel: +41 (0) 22 917 83 87).

We look forward to receiving your submissions.

Yours sincerely,

For:



Rolph Payet
Executive Secretary

- Enc: Follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
- To: Basel Convention focal points
Basel Convention competent authorities
Members of the Bureau of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
Observers admitted to the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
- Cc: Representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Follow-up to the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

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1. Strategic framework

Decision: BC-15/3: Strategic framework

Background:

In part I of decision BC-15/3 on the strategic framework, the Conference of the Parties decided, among other things, to improve the strategic framework for 2012–2021 and that the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework would continue its work and be open to all Parties inviting representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, and to observers, including the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres.

In part II of decision BC-15/3 on the strategic framework, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and observers to submit to the Secretariat, by 30 November 2022, information on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on best practices, possible approaches, initiatives and views to improve the functioning of the procedure, recognizing that developing countries faced increasing challenges in implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and that they needed further financial and technical assistance and capacity-building to address those challenges.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	Strategic framework		
(a)	Invitation to all Parties and observers to be represented in the small intersessional working group on the strategic framework;	Parties Observers	No deadline specified; in order to participate fully in the intersessional work, nominations are encouraged by 31 July 2022
	Work to improve the functioning of the prior informed consent procedure		
(b)	Parties and observers are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on best practices, possible approaches, initiatives and views to improve the functioning of the procedure.	Parties Observers	30 November 2022

Contact person:

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

2. Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Decision: BC-15/5: Developing guidelines for environmentally sound management

Background:

In decision BC-15/5, the Conference of the Parties adopted the revised draft practical manual for stakeholders to ensure that notifications of transboundary movements meet environmentally sound management requirements.¹

The Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties and others to undertake activities to use, promote and disseminate the toolkit on environmentally sound management. It also invited Parties and others to provide the Secretariat with information on the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, in particular, activities, initiatives and case studies that may promote implementation and complement the toolkit.

It recalled the invitation to Parties and others contained in decision BC-13/3 to submit to the Secretariat further good practices and examples with regard to waste prevention and minimization and extended it to 31 December 2022.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Information on the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes, in particular, activities, initiatives and case studies that may promote implementation and complement the toolkit on environmentally sound management;	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible
(b)	Further good practices and examples with regard to waste prevention and minimization.	Parties Others	31 December 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org.

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/5/Add.1/Rev.1.

3. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Decision: BC-15/6: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

In decision BC-15/6, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted the technical guidelines listed below:

- General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;¹
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds;²
- Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with the pesticides aldrin, alpha hexachlorocyclohexane, beta hexachlorocyclohexane, chlordane, chlordecone, dicofol, dieldrin, endrin, heptachlor, hexachlorobenzene, hexachlorobutadiene, lindane, mirex, pentachlorobenzene, pentachlorophenol and its salts, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride, technical endosulfan and its related isomers or toxaphene or with hexachlorobenzene as an industrial chemical.³

The Conference of the Parties decided to continue working towards a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It also decided to update the general technical guidelines and the specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decision SC-10/13 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants ⁴ and other technical guidelines, as appropriate, and related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;	Parties Observers	30 October 2022
(b)	Comments on the parts enclosed in square brackets in section IV.G.2 (e) of the general technical guidelines on cement kiln co-incineration;	Parties Observers	30 October 2022
(c)	Comments on additional guidance for section IV.G.4 of the general technical guidelines on other disposal methods when the persistent organic pollutant content is low;	Parties Observers	30 October 2022
(d)	Information on further or updated examples of national legislation for inclusion in annex II to the general technical	Parties Observers	30 October 2022

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

² UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.2/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.3/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	guidelines, including on any concentration limits, as well as links to online sources where such legislation can be found;		
(e)	<p>Parties and relevant organizations are encouraged to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating the following technical guidelines:</p> <p>(a) The general technical guidelines, taking into account decision SC-10/13;</p> <p>(b) Technical guidelines on perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds, to include perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS-related compounds, taking into account decision SC-10/13.</p>	Parties and relevant organizations	31 July 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

4. 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

Decision: BC-15/7: 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

Background:

In decision BC-15/7, the Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group established by paragraph 5 of decision BC-13/5. It requested it to prepare updated technical guidelines, taking into consideration the comments received on the results of the use and/or testing of the technical guidelines, the amendments to Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention adopted in decision BC-15/18 and paragraph 4 of decision BC-14/5, and to submit them for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Each regional group is invited to reconsider their nomination and nominate, as appropriate, through its Bureau representatives, members of the expert working group with relevant knowledge and expertise. Information on current membership is available on the website. ¹	Parties, through their Bureau representatives (see below)	15 August 2022
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit the results of their use and/or testing of the technical guidelines to the Secretariat.	Parties Others	31 October 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

Bureau representatives:

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- **Asia and Pacific region:** Ms. Rosa Vivien Ratnawati (kst.pslb3@gmail.com) and Mr. Mohamed Aman (maman@sce.gov.bh);
- **Eastern European region:** Ms. Magda Gosk (m.gosk@gios.gov.pl) and Mr. Artak Khachatryan (artak.khachatryan@env.am);
- **GRULAC:** Ms. María Eugenia Gonzales Anaya (megonzalez@sre.gob.mx) and Mr. Miguel Eduardo Ruiz Botero (migueleduardo.ruiz@cancilleria.gov.co);
- **WEOG:** Mr Reginald Hernaus (reggie.hernaus@minienw.nl) and Ms. Lana Barbour (lane.barbour@awe.gov.au).

¹ <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/Ewaste/TechnicalGuidelines/ExpertWorkingGroup/tabid/8232/Default.aspx>.

5. **Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes**

Decision: BC-15/10: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes

Background:

The Conference of the Parties underscores the importance of the timely updating of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes and noted the progress achieved during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties towards their finalization, as reflected in the draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of plastic wastes.¹

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 20 of decision BC-14/13. It invited the Governments of China, Japan and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as co-lead countries, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a further updated version of the technical guidelines, taking into account the discussion during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the general comments and textual proposals to be received during the intersessional period, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group, and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations;	Parties Observers	31 July 2022
(b)	Parties and observers are invited to submit general comments and textual proposals on the draft updated technical guidelines, referring to specific paragraphs and tables, together with related rationales, if possible, and as appropriate.	Parties Observers	16 September 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.7/Rev.1.

6. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and on other waste batteries

Decision: BC-15/11: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and on other waste batteries

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided that the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries should be updated.¹ It also decided that technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste batteries other than waste lead-acid batteries should be developed.

The Conference further decided to establish a small intersessional working group to undertake, as a priority and a matter of urgency, the updating of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries, as well as to develop the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste batteries other than waste lead-acid batteries.

The Conference of the Parties welcomed with appreciation the offer of Uruguay to act as a lead country in the updating of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and invited Parties to consider serving as co-lead country of their willingness to do so.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as co-lead country in updating the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so;	Parties	31 July 2022
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country in the development of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste batteries other than waste lead-acid batteries and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so;	Parties	31 July 2022
(c)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.	Parties Observers	31 July 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

¹ UNEP/CHW.6/22, annex.

7. National reporting

Decision: BC-15/13: National reporting

Background:

The Conference of the Parties took note of the practical guidance on the development of inventories of plastic waste, obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste, and waste batteries containing lithium;¹ and invited Parties and others to make use of the practical guidance and to inform the Secretariat of their experience in doing so.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others are invited to make use of the practical guidance on the development of inventories of plastic waste, obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste, and waste batteries containing lithium and to inform the Secretariat of their experience in doing so.	Parties Others	31 December 2023

Contact person:

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

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/19/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.15/INF/50/Rev.1 and UNEP/CHW.15/INF/51/Rev.1.

8. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Decision: BC-15/14: Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to establish a small intersessional working group to look further into electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents, taking into account the report of the first consultative workshop on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents of the Basel Convention.¹

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate experts with relevant knowledge of and expertise in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure of the Basel Convention, and experts with experience in developing software in the areas of trade, customs or related areas, to participate in the small intersessional working group, and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations;	Parties Observers	31 July 2022
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for the work on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so;	Parties	31 July 2022
(c)	Parties are invited to work on pilot projects on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents and to submit their lessons learned to the Secretariat.	Parties	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible

Contact person:

Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

¹ www.basel.int/Implementation/Controllingtransboundarymovements/eapproachesfornotificationandmovement/Meetings/WorkshopOnlineJan2021/tabid/8741/Default.aspx.

9. Further consideration of plastic waste

Decision: BC-15/15: Further consideration of plastic waste

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to update the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres.¹ It also decided to establish a small intersessional working group, operating by electronic means and, subject to the availability of resources, through face-to-face meetings, to undertake the updating of the guidelines.

The Conference of the Parties invited Parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat on whether technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of rubber wastes (entry B3040) and waste parings and scrap of rubber (entry B3080) should be developed. The Secretariat was requested to prepare a compilation of the comments received for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting.

It also invited Parties and others to provide comments to the Secretariat on possible 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 a source of land pollution, marine plastic litter and microplastics.² The Secretariat was requested to make available the comments received on the website of the Convention, and to suggest possible further activities that could be conducted under the Convention in response to developments in scientific knowledge and environmental information and health impacts related to plastic waste as a source of land pollution, marine plastic litter and microplastics, taking into consideration the comments received and the work undertaken in follow-up to UNEA resolution 5/14 entitled “End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument”, as appropriate, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for the updating of the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so;	Parties	31 July 2022
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations;	Parties Others	31 July 2022
(c)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on whether technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of rubber wastes (entry B3040) and waste parings and scrap of rubber (entry B3080) should be developed;	Parties Others	31 October 2022
(d)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on possible 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 a source of land pollution, marine plastic litter and microplastics.	Parties Others	31 October 2022

Contact persons:

For requests (a), (b) and (c): Ms. Carla Valle-Klann, email: carla.valle@un.org.

For request (d): Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

¹ UNEP/CHW.10/6/Add.1/Rev.1, annex.

² UNEP/CHW.15/INF/10.

10. Waste containing nanomaterials

Decision: BC-15/16: Waste containing nanomaterials

Background:

The Conference of the Parties took note of the information provided by Parties and observers related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials.¹ It invited Parties and observers to make available to the Secretariat any new information related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials. The Secretariat was requested to compile the information received for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties and observers are invited to make available to the Secretariat 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.	Parties Observers	31 December 2022

Contact person:

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

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/52.

11. Providing further legal clarity

Decision: BC-15/19: Providing further legal clarity

Background:

The Conference of the Parties welcomed the work undertaken by the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and entries A1180 in Annex VIII and B1110 in Annex IX to the Basel Convention. It recalled the mandate of the expert working group as set out in decisions BC-13/2, BC 14/13 and BC-14/16 and decided to remove the review of entries A1180 in Annex VIII and B1110 in Annex IX from the mandate of the group, while acknowledging the need for further discussion on amendments to Annex IV - for example, on the issues listed in paragraphs 4 (a) – 4 (f) of decision BC-15/19.

The Conference of the Parties requested the Open-ended Working Group to consider the proposals by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention¹ and the recommendations and findings of the expert working group², taking into account the discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the progress made in the review of Annexes I and III, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
<p>The regional groups that have not yet nominated 10 experts with relevant expertise to serve as members of the expert working group are invited to do so through their Bureau representatives, with the Secretariat facilitating the nomination process.</p> <p>The current membership of the expert working group³ is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa region: 8 members • Asia and Pacific region: 7 members • Eastern Europe region: 6 members • GRULAC: 6 members • WEOG: 8 members 	Parties, through their Bureau representatives (see below)	31 July 2022

Contact person:

Ms. Juliette Kohler, email: juliette.kohler@un.org.

Bureau representatives:

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- GRULAC: Ms. María Eugenia Gonzales Anaya (megonzalez@sre.gob.mx) and Mr. Miguel Eduardo Ruiz Botero (migueleduardo.ruiz@cancilleria.gov.co);
- WEOG: Mr Reginald Hernaus (reggie.hernaus@minienw.nl) and Ms. Lana Barbour (lane.barbour@awe.gov.au).

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/13/Add.1.

² UNEP/CHW.15/INF/18

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12. National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Decision: BC-15/20: National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

Background:

National legislation to implement and enforce the Convention, as well as efforts to prevent and combat illegal traffic were issues highlighted by the Conference of the Parties. In decision BC-15/20, the Conference of the Parties focused on various aspects for further work in this regard, including: active engagement of enforcement organizations and networks in preventing and combating illegal traffic; and their collaboration with the Secretariat on activities aimed at assisting Parties to prevent and combat illegal traffic; Parties' obligations to update or develop national legislation; providing information on national definitions of hazardous wastes as well as import/export restrictions or prohibitions; sharing information including on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic; and reporting confirmed cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties are encouraged to continue to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention;	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below	Texts to be provided when adopted and through the designated focal point
(b)	Parties are invited to continue to share information on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic and to report cases of illegal traffic;	Parties	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ¹ or table 9 of the format for national reporting	As necessary
(c)	Parties that have not yet provided the Secretariat with any of the information on national definitions of hazardous wastes required under Article 3 and paragraph 2 (b) of Article 13 of the Convention, or any of the information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions required under paragraphs 1 (a) and 1 (b) of Article 4 of the Convention and paragraphs 2 (c) and 2 (d) of Article 13 of the Convention, are invited to do so and to report, through their designated focal points, any subsequent significant change in that information.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat using the standardized form or through the national reports for the year 2016 and subsequent years	Submit information as soon as possible through the designated focal point

Contact person:

Ms. Yvonne Ewang-Sanvincenti, email: yvonne.ewang-sanvincent@un.org.

¹ <http://basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>

13. **Basel Convention Partnership Programme**

Decision: BC-15/22: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Background:

In part I of decision BC-15/22, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties, signatories and all other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, relevant e-waste platforms, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and former partners of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment to communicate to the Secretariat their wish to be admitted as a member of the working group of the Partnership.

In part III of decision BC-15/22, the Conference of the Parties took note of the draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste developed by the Household Waste Partnership working group.¹ Parties and others were invited to provide further comments on the draft overall guidance to the Secretariat by 15 October 2022.

The Conference of the Parties requested the working group to prepare, by 15 December 2022, a revised draft of the overall guidance document, taking into account the comments received prior and during the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; any additional comments received by 15 October 2022; and the outcomes of pilot projects or testing of the draft overall guidance document undertaken by Parties, and taking into careful consideration existing guidance under the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting. It invited Parties and others to provide comments on the revised draft of the overall guidance document prepared by the working group to the Secretariat by 15 February 2023, and requests the Secretariat to publish the comments received on the Convention website and prepare a compilation of those comments for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste		
(a)	Parties, signatories and all other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, relevant e-waste platforms, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and former partners of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment are invited to indicate their interest in being admitted as member of the working group of the Partnership.	Parties Signatories Other stakeholders	31 August 2022
	Household Waste Partnership		
(b)	Parties and others are invited to provide further comments on the draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste ² to the Secretariat.	Parties Others	15 October 2022
(c)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the revised draft of the overall guidance document which is expected to be prepared by the working group by 15 December 2022, taking into account (a) the comments received prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; (b) the discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; (c) any additional comments received by 15 October 2022; and (d) the outcomes of pilot projects or testing of the draft overall guidance document undertaken by Parties.	Parties Others	15 February 2023

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/18/Rev.1/Add.1.

² UNEP/CHW.15/18/Rev.1/Add.1.

	Partnership on Plastic Waste		
(d)	Parties and others who have not yet nominated members to the working group are invited to do so and inform the Secretariat accordingly.	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.

Contact persons:

For request (a): Ms. Francesca Cenni, email: Francesca.cenni@un.org.

For requests (b) and (c): Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org, and Mr. Jost Dittkrist, email: Jost.dittkrist@un.org

For request (d): Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org; and Ms Melisa Lim, email: melisa.lim@un.org.

14. Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Decisions: BC-15/27, RC-10/13 and SC-10/23: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In part II of the abovementioned decisions, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention reminded Parties to the Convention to report cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic¹ or through table 9 of the format for national reporting.

In part III of those decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions invited Parties to the three conventions to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to the Basel Convention are reminded to report cases of illegal traffic;	Parties	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ² or table 9 of the format for national reporting	As appropriate
(b)	Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are invited to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below	As appropriate

Contact person:

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

¹ See www.basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx.

² <http://basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>.

15. Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decisions: BC-15/29, RC-10/15 and SC-10/25: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

In the above-mentioned decisions, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, among other things, invited Parties to the conventions to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties, if possible by 1 March 2023, for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties to submit offers to host the 2025 meetings of the conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2023.	Parties	1 March 2023

Contact person:

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