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Subject: Call for information in follow-up to the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (1-12 May 2023)

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

At its sixteenth 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 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 sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention](#)".

Please note that similar letters are also being sent to Parties and observers to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions as a follow-up to the eleventh 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 sixteenth 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 seventeenth 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

* Amended on 1 September 2023.

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1. Strategic framework

Decision: BC-16/1: Strategic framework

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided that a draft renewed strategic framework should be developed, taking into account the recommendations to improve the strategic framework for the period 2012–2021 developed by the small intersessional working group.¹

It also decided that the small intersessional working group would continue to 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. The small intersessional working group was requested to prepare a draft renewed strategic framework for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting; and to prepare a revised renewed strategic framework, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting, taking into account the outcome of the fourteenth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to nominate additional members to the small intersessional working group with specific knowledge and expertise in the evaluation of strategic plans, programmes, treaties or the national implementation of the Basel Convention to serve as a member of the working group	Parties Observers	30 September 2023
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country in the development of the renewed strategic framework and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so	Parties	30 September 2023

Contact person:

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

¹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/5.

2. Work to improve the prior informed consent procedure

Decision: BC-16/2: Work to improve the prior informed consent procedure

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to establish a small intersessional working group open to all Parties, with the aim of balanced representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, to identify challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning and to develop recommendations for improving its functioning. The lead country or countries or, in the absence of a lead country, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, is to prepare a report on challenges in the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and best practices, possible approaches and initiatives to improve its functioning, as well as options for possible ways forward, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Calls 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 to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Observers	30 September 2023
(b)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for this work	Parties	30 September 2023
(c)	Parties and others 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 and initiatives to improve its functioning	Parties Others	30 September 2023

Contact person: *(amended on 1 September 2023)*

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

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

Decision: BC-16/3: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants

Background:

The Conference of the Parties adopted the technical guidelines listed below:

- (a) General technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;²
- (b) 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), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA related compounds, and perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), its salts and PFHxS related compounds.³

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established by paragraph 9 of decision OEWG-I/4 and to include the updating of the general technical guidelines and the preparation or updating of specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annex A to the Stockholm Convention by decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11 in the work programme of the Open ended Working Group for the period 2024–2025.

The Conference of the Parties also decided to continue working towards a review of the provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values, as appropriate, before the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and observers are invited to submit comments on the low persistent organic pollutant content values included in the general technical guidelines ⁴ and in other technical guidelines, as appropriate; and examples of waste streams with low persistent organic pollutant content values above or below the values applied at the national level, along with related information, including on studies, taking into account relevant information available in the Stockholm Convention.	Parties Observers	30 October 2023
(b)	Parties are invited to indicate to the Secretariat their willingness to take the lead in updating or preparing the following technical guidelines: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The general technical guidelines, taking into account decisions SC-11/9, SC-11/10 and SC-11/11; (b) The technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with hexabromodiphenyl ether and heptabromodiphenyl ether, or tetrabromodiphenyl ether and pentabromodiphenyl ether, or decabromodiphenyl ether to include Dechlorane Plus, taking into account decision SC-11/10; (c) The technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated 	Parties	31 August 2023

² UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.2/Rev.1.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.16/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

	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 to include methoxychlor, taking into account decision SC-11/9; (d) New technical guidelines on UV-328, taking into account decision SC-11/11.		
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Contact person:

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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-16/5: 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:

The Conference of the Parties adopted on an interim basis the revised 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.⁵ It invited Parties and others to use and/or test the technical guidelines, on a pilot basis, and to submit, by 30 April 2024, the results of their use and/or testing.

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group established by paragraph 4 of decision BC-13/5 and requested it, taking into account, among other things, the submissions received on the use and/or test of the technical guidelines, to prepare updated technical guidelines, and to submit them for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadline for submission
Parties and others are invited to submit the results of their use and/or testing of the technical guidelines to the Secretariat	Parties Others	30 April 2024

Contact person:

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

⁵ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/10/Rev.1.

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

Decision: BC-16/6: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries and on other waste batteries

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 6 of decision BC-15/11 and invited Parties and others to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group. It also invited Parties and others to submit to the Secretariat by 30 September 2023 comments on the draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries⁶ and on the draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of other waste batteries.⁷

The co-leads, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, are requested to prepare draft updated technical guidelines, taking into account the discussion during the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the comments received, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Others	30 September 2023
(b)	Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat comments on the draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of waste lead-acid batteries ⁸ and on the draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of other waste batteries ⁹	Parties Others	30 September 2023

Contact person:

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⁶ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/12/Rev.1.

⁷ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/13/Rev.1.

⁸ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/12/Rev.1.

⁹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/13/Rev.1.

6. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres

Decision: BC-16/7: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 5 of decision BC-15/15 and invited Parties and others to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 September 2023.

The Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare draft updated technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used and waste pneumatic tyres, taking into account the discussion during the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others to nominate additional experts to participate in the small intersessional working group	Parties Others	30 September 2023

Contact person:

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

7. Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

Decision: BC-16/8: Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System

Background:

The Conference of the Parties invited Parties and others to provide information to the Secretariat with a view to assisting the Secretariat in facilitating the inclusion of waste covered by the Basel Convention in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System pursuant to decision BC-14/9. It requested the Secretariat, among other things, to take into account the information received from Parties and others in preparing proposals to amend the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System to allow the identification of the types of waste set out in subparagraph 3 (a) of decision BC-14/9 and in facilitating the review of such proposals by the Harmonized System Committee and relevant subcommittees of the World Customs Organization.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others are invited to provide information to the Secretariat with a view to assisting it in facilitating the inclusion of waste covered by the Basel Convention in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System pursuant to decision BC-14/9	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted in response to future calls for information by the Secretariat.

Contact person:

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

8. National reporting

Decision: BC-16/9: National reporting

Background:

The Conference of the Parties, among other things, invited Parties to inform the Secretariat, by 31 December 2023, of the types of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful. It requested the Open-ended Working Group to consider, at its fourteenth meeting, the types of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful, as identified in the submissions received from Parties as referred above, and to prepare recommendations thereon for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties are invited to inform the Secretariat of the types of waste streams for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful	Parties	31 December 2023

Contact person:

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

9. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Decision: BC-16/10: Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to extend the mandate of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to paragraph 2 of decision BC-15/14 and invited Parties to consider serving as lead countries to prepare a report with further recommendations on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents and to inform the Secretariat by 31 July 2023 of their willingness to do so.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
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 2023

Contact person:

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

10. Further consideration of plastic waste

Decision: BC-16/11: Further consideration of plastic waste

Background:

The Conference of the Parties decided to include in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2024–2025 the consideration of further activities that could be conducted under the Convention in response to developments in scientific knowledge and environmental information related to plastic waste, as well as in the consideration by the intergovernmental negotiating committee referred to in paragraph 1 of resolution 5/14 of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the further activities referred to in documents UNEP/CHW.16/INF/18 and UNEP/CHW.16/INF/62	Parties Others	28 February 2024

Contact person:

Ms. Kei Ohno Woodall, email: kei.ohno@un.org.

11. Waste containing nanomaterials

Decision: BC-16/13: 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 nanomaterials¹⁰ and invited Parties and observers to make available to the Secretariat, by 31 December 2023, any new information related to activities aimed at addressing issues related to waste containing nanomaterials. The Secretariat was requested to make the information received available on the website of the Convention for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth 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 2023

Contact person:

Mr. Agustin Harte, email: agustin.harte@un.org

¹⁰ www.basel.int/tabid/7619/Default.aspx.

12. Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance

Decision: BC-16/14: Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance

Background:

The Conference of the Parties welcomed the progress made by the Committee in the implementation of its work programme for 2022–2023 and the conclusions reached to improve timely and complete national reporting under paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention,¹¹ prevent and combat illegal traffic,¹² improve implementation of and compliance with paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention,¹³ improve the implementation of and compliance with Article 5 of the Convention¹⁴ and enhance cooperation with the Compliance Committee of the Rotterdam Convention.¹⁵

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
	National reporting: classification of compliance performance			
(a)	Parties that appear to have transmitted an incomplete national report for 2018 or 2019 are encouraged to review the draft classifications of compliance performance prepared by the Committee ¹⁶ and to provide feedback with a view to strengthening overall implementation of and compliance with paragraph 3 of Article 13 of the Convention.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	The Secretariat will send a separate follow-up letter with additional information and a deadline.
	National reporting: integration into the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Frameworks			
(b)	Parties, resident coordinators and UN country teams are encouraged to reply to the Committee's questionnaire seeking information with a view to assessing the extent to which Parties with national reporting needs are including actions to address those needs in their cooperation frameworks.	Parties Resident coordinators and UN country teams	Please submit information using the online questionnaire for Parties and questionnaire for RCs developed and referred to in the separate letter dated 27 March 2023 sent by the Secretariat.	30 June 2023

¹¹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/20.

¹² UNEP/CHW.16/INF/21.

¹³ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/23.

¹⁴ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/25.

¹⁵ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/24.

¹⁶ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/20.

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
	National reporting: dialogue with Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres and international bodies and organizations			
(c)	The BCRCs and other organizations are encouraged to reply to the Committee's questionnaire seeking information on their activities aimed at assisting Parties in transmitting their national reports.	BCRCs and other organizations	Please submit information using the online questionnaire developed and referred to in the separate letter dated 21 April 2023 sent by the Secretariat.	14 July 2023
	Illegal traffic: national coordination mechanisms and dissemination of guidance and tools			
(d)	<p>BCRCs and other organizations are encouraged to reply to the questionnaire seeking information on their activities aimed at assisting Parties in enhancing coordination between their competent authorities and enforcement entities and their activities aimed at disseminating guidance and tools developed under the Convention to prevent and combat illegal traffic.</p> <p>Parties are encouraged to reply to the questionnaire seeking information on their activities to enhance coordination and increase the flow of information between their competent authorities and enforcement entities, and between themselves and the Secretariat.</p>	<p>BCRCs and other organizations</p> <p>Parties</p>	Please submit information using the online questionnaire for Parties and questionnaire for organizations developed and referred to in the separate letter dated 21 April 2023 sent by the Secretariat.	14 July 2023
	Illegal traffic: responses to question 1 (c) of the reporting format			
(e)	The 110 Parties that transmitted a report for 2019 are encouraged to review the draft classification of Parties' compliance performance in relation to the obligations set out in Article 9 of the Convention, prepared using the legislator's checklist, and to provide feedback with a view to strengthening progress towards overall implementation of and compliance with Article 9 of the Convention.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below. Additional information is set out in the separate letter dated 22 May 2023 sent by	1 September 2023

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
			the Secretariat.	
	National legislation: self-review of legislation implementing the Basel Convention			
(f)	Parties that have yet to undertake a self-review of their legislation implementing the Convention using the legislator's checklist are invited to do so and to also provide, where applicable, information on their legislative implementation of the Ban Amendment, plastic waste amendments and e-waste amendments.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	The Secretariat will send a separate follow up letter with additional information and a deadline.
	National legislation: review of legislation			
(g)	Parties that have yet to indicate whether they have national legislation implementing the Convention or have already indicated that they do not have such legislation are invited to engage with the Committee within the scope of its 2024–2025 work programme.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below.	The Secretariat will send a separate follow up letter with additional information and a deadline.
	National legislation: dialogue with Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres and international bodies and organizations			
(h)	BCRCs and other organizations are encouraged to reply to the Committee's questionnaire seeking information on their activities aimed at assisting Parties in developing legal frameworks for the implementation of the Basel Convention.	BCRCs and other organization	Please submit information using the online questionnaire developed and referred to in the separate letter dated 21 April 2023 sent by the Secretariat.	14 July 2023

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

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

Decision: BC-16/16: 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-16/16, the Conference of the Parties focused on various aspects for further work in this regard, including: continued 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:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	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 ¹⁷ or table 9 of the format for national reporting	As necessary
(b)	Parties that have not yet provided the Secretariat with information on national definitions of hazardous wastes as 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 information on 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 encouraged 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 the format for national reporting	Submit information as soon as possible through the designated focal point

Contact person: *(amended on 1 September 2023)*

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¹⁷ <http://basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>

14. Technical assistance

Decisions: BC-16/17, RC-11/6 and SC-11/18: Technical assistance

Background:

In decisions BC-16/17, RC-11/6 and SC-11/18, the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions requested the Secretariat to prepare a report on the assessment of the needs of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for technical assistance and technology transfer. The reports will be developed on the basis of information to be provided by Parties and others on needs and availability of technical assistance and technology transfer under the conventions and will inform the development of the technical assistance plan of the conventions for the period 2026–2029, for consideration by the conferences of the Parties at their next meetings.

Follow-up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on their needs for technical assistance and technology transfer, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.	Developing-country Parties Parties with economies in transition	An online questionnaire will be made available on the conventions' websites to enable responses to this request.	31 March 2024
(b)	Developed-country Parties and others with the capacity to do so are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on the technical assistance and technology that they have available to be transferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, to developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition.	Developed-country Parties Others	An online questionnaire will be made available on the conventions' websites to enable responses to this request.	31 March 2024

Contact person:

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15. Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Decision: BC-16/18: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Background:

In part I of decision BC-16/18, the Conference of the Parties approved the programme of work of the Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste for the biennium 2024-2025¹⁸ and requested the working group of the Partnership to implement it.

In part II of the same decision, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the activities undertaken by the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic since the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In part III, the Conference of the Parties requested the working group of the Household Waste Partnership to prepare a further revised draft of the overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste,¹⁹ for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourteenth meeting.

In part IV, the Conference of the Parties approved the workplan of the Partnership on Plastic Waste for the biennium 2024–2025²⁰ and requested the Partnership working group to implement it.

Follow-up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
	I: Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste		
(a)	Parties and others who have not yet nominated members to the working group and who wish to do so are invited to inform the Secretariat of their nominations	Parties Others	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as soon as possible.
	II: Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic		
(b)	Entities with a specific mandate to deliver implementation and enforcement capacity-building activities that could assist Parties to the Basel Convention in preventing and combating illegal traffic of hazardous wastes and other wastes are invited to consider sending a duly motivated request to the Chair of the Network regarding admission as members of the Network	Specific entities	No deadline specified; information to be submitted as appropriate.
	III: Household Waste Partnership		
(c)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the revised draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste ²¹	Parties Others	30 September 2023

¹⁸ UNEP/CHW.16/19/Add.1.

¹⁹ UNEP/CHW.16/19/Add.2.

²⁰ UNEP/CHW.16/19/Add.3/Rev.1.

²¹ UNEP/CHW.16/19/Add.2.

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

Contact persons:

- Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste: Ms. Francesca Cenni, email: Francesca.cenni@un.org
- Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic: Ms. Tatiana Terekhova, email: tatiana.terekhova@un.org
- Household Waste Partnership: Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org, Mr. Jost Dittkrist, email: Jost.dittkrist@un.org.
- Partnership on Plastic Waste: Ms. Susan Wingfield, email: susan.wingfield@un.org; Ms. Melisa Lim, email: melisa.lim@un.org.

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

Decisions: BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

Background:

In part I of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions reiterated their encouragement to Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of international trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the conventions, using the prescribed forms.

In part II of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention reminded Parties to the Basel Convention to report cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic or through table 9 of the format for national reporting.

In part III of decisions BC-16/24, RC-11/11 and SC-11/23, 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:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions are encouraged to voluntarily provide information about cases of international trade in hazardous chemicals occurring in contravention of the conventions	Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ²²	As appropriate
(b)	Parties to the Basel Convention are reminded to report cases of illegal traffic	Parties to the Basel Convention	Please submit information about cases of illegal traffic using the prescribed form ²³ or table 9 of the format for national reporting	As appropriate
(c)	Parties 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 and to voluntarily share information through the Secretariat on action taken to implement and enforce the trade control measures, as well as on challenges Parties may be facing	Parties to the three conventions	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact person provided below	As appropriate

Contact person:

²² <http://www.brsmeas.org/Implementation/Illegaltrafficandtrade/Formstoreportillegaltrade/tabid/8886/language/en-US/Default.aspx>.

²³ <http://basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx>.

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17. Venue and dates of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Decisions: BC-16/26, RC-11/13 and SC-11/25: Dates and venue of the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

Background:

The conferences of the Parties decided to convene the next meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions back to back, from 28 April to 9 May 2025, in Geneva. The conferences of the Parties further decided that the meetings would include a high-level segment of no more than one day's duration. The conferences of the Parties furthermore invited Parties to submit offers to host the 2027 meetings of the conferences of the Parties.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
Parties are invited to submit offers to host the 2027 meetings of the conferences of the Parties for consideration during the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2025.	Parties	28 January 2025

Contact person:

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