

# 1<sup>st</sup> Teleconference of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic

**25 June, 2014**

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## **Participants:**

Ms. Leila Devia, BCRC-Argentina (**Chair**)      Mr. Shunichi Honda, Asian Network  
**(Vice -Chair)**  
Mr. Santiago Davila, Spain                              Ms. Lumbini Kiriella, Sri Lanka  
Ms. Nancy Isarin, Ambiidura (Expert)              Mr. Christian Dijkens, IMPEL/INECE  
Ms. Dana Lapesova, BCRC-Slovakia              Ms. Ivana Jaskova, BCRC-Slovakia  
Ms. Xiaofei Sun, BCRC-China                      Mr. Daniel Moell, WCO (Observer)  
Mr. Matthias Kern, BRS                              Mr. Tarcisio Hardman Reis, BRS  
Ms. Michelle Chung, BRS

**Regrets:** Mr. Dany Mpolesha (Congo DRC), Ms. Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia/Basel ICC), Mr. Masa Nagai (UNEP), Mr. Cornelis Van Duijn (INTERPOL), Mr. Jim Puckett (BAN)

## **Summary of the meeting**

### Item 1 – Opening of the Meeting

- The Chair, Ms. Leila Devia, welcomed the participants to the 1<sup>st</sup> teleconference of the ENFORCE.
- The Chair indicated that the main objectives of the meeting are to review the implementation of the Roadmap of Activities and to prepare for the Open-Ended Working Group to the Basel Convention (OEWG9).

### Item 2 – Adoption of the agenda

- As proposed by IMPEL/INECE, the item next meeting was added as item 5 of the proposed draft agenda.

### Item 3 – Review of the Implementation of the Roadmap of Activities

#### 3(a) – Priority activity: Gaps analysis

- The Vice-Chair, Mr. Shunichi Honda, expressed his gratitude to the government of The Netherlands for their contribution to the preparation of the Gaps Analysis and invited Ms. Nancy Isarin to present the report.
- Ms. Isarin presented the structure of the report and highlighted the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report.
- Members welcomed the report, noting that the consultation was restricted to members of the network, and identified capacity building,

information sharing and strengthening of the legal framework as key areas for work on illegal traffic.<sup>1</sup>

- A member highlighted the importance of information-sharing using available tools. The same member also expressed the importance of building trust among members of the network and highlighted Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and differentiation between waste and non-waste as important issues of discussion.
- Another member agreed on the importance of WEEE and informed that a few discussions are taking place under the Basel Convention on the differentiation between waste and non-waste<sup>2</sup>.

### 3(b) – Support activity 1: Sharing tools and materials

- The Vice-chair introduced this item and requested members to provide updates on tools, materials and activities that became available since the last meeting. The Vice-chair also invited members to provide comments on the way forward regarding this activity
- The BRS Secretariat indicated that two workshops for customs took place in 2014 and were done in cooperation with UNEP. It also indicated that an e-learning tool for enforcement officers on chemicals and wastes under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions was developed in cooperation with INTERPOL. The Secretariat indicated that a page on ENFORCE is currently available on the website of the Basel Convention and the website is available to host materials from members but a common policy should be agreed between members.
- A member proposed that a bookshelf of materials can be produced but would require resources and additional guidance. IMPEL mentioned the work of the International Waste Platform and proposed to build upon their website. The same member also indicated that the manual in the repatriation on illegal shipments is currently being updated.
- Another member indicated the possibility to host a website for sharing tools and materials on illegal traffic, subject to the availability of funds.
- The Chairs decided to submit a proposal to the members listing the possibilities available for a website to host the tools and materials, together with definitions related to the content and to the use of the website.

### 3 (c) – Support activity 2: Facilitating information exchange on success stories, techniques and expertise, and dissemination of good practices

- No comments were made under this agenda item

### 3 (d) – Support activity 3: Report to the OEWG9

- The BRS Secretariat informed that the ninth meeting of the Open-Ended Working Group of the Basel Convention will take place in Geneva, between the 16-19 September 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> The Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Basel Convention also works on the issue of strengthening legal frameworks.

<sup>2</sup> Eg. the Basel Convention Expert Working Group on ESM.

- Members agreed to submit the report of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the ENFORCE as an information document to the meeting and requested the Secretariat to explore ways of including a report on the ENFORCE in the agenda of OEWG9. Spain, IMPEL, and the BCRC China expressed interest in the possibility of hosting a side event during OEWG9 and requested more information from the Secretariat on how to proceed.

#### Item 4 – Membership

- No comments were made under this agenda item

#### Item 5 – Next meeting

- The BRS Secretariat reminded the participants on the offer of the government of Colombia to host the next meeting of ENFORCE in 2014.. The BRS Secretariat indicated that currently there are no resources available for the travelling of participants.
- Another possibility explored during the teleconference was to have a meeting before the OEWG9. However no funds were identified to provide additional DSA for the participants. It was also taken into account that September might be too early for the next meeting.
- The Chair proposed that another teleconference should take place in November 2014, unless a viable option for a face-to-face meeting is proposed by then.

#### Item 6 – Other matters

- No issues were raised under this agenda item