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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organisations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and, in response to its letter dated on 21 October 2016 on the draft Guidance developed by the Basel Convention expert working group on environmentally sound management to assist Parties, as appropriate, in developing efficient strategies to achieve the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal, has the honour to communicate the following comments made by the State Committee for nature protection of Uzbekistan.

The document should reflect the actions and/or recommendations related to the determination of the financial and economic benefits of sustainable and good waste management; take into account issues on mobilization of funding from all sources, including possible international loan and granting; provide the mechanisms for transferring clean and waste-free technologies to developing countries and supporting instruments of the State parties by the Basel Convention and other international organizations.

The State Committee for nature protection of Uzbekistan therefore requests the Secretariat to revise the draft Guidance, taking into account the above mentioned proposals.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uzbekistan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention the assurances of its highest consideration. *y*

Geneva, 23 December 2016



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