

OEWG-III/6: Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling Conference of the Parties decision VI/15 on the Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation,

Also recalling its own decision OEWG-II/2 on the Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation,

Noting with appreciation the kind financial support provided by the Government of Switzerland toward the organization of two workshops,

Also noting the work undertaken to date by the Secretariat,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its efforts to organize five workshops for addressing various aspects of and obstacles to the process of ratification of or accession to the Basel Protocol;
2. *Calls* upon all Parties and organizations in a position to do so to make financial or in-kind contributions toward the organization of the workshops;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to investigate possible means of overcoming obstacles to ratification of or accession to the Basel Protocol identified by the Parties to the Basel Convention during the session of the Open-ended Working Group, in previous submissions and during regional workshops by, for example, holding consultations with relevant institutions to address the issues of insurance, bonds or other financial guarantees and the financial limits established under the Protocol;
4. *Invites* Parties and others to submit in writing to the Secretariat, by 31 July 2004, comments on the revised draft of the instruction manual;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to finalize the preparation of the instruction manual for presentation to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting, taking into account suggestions made during the third session of the Open-ended Working Group, written submissions received by 31 July 2004 and recommendations by participants in the regional workshops.