

Teleconference of the Working Group of the Partnership for Action on Challenges relating to E-waste (PACEII)

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Report

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1. Welcome and introduction

The co-chairs Ms. Dana Lapesova and Ms. Leila Devia welcomed the participants.

Ms. Dana Lapesova introduced the objectives of the teleconference which were to:

- Provide updates on the implementation of the action points agreed at the past teleconference.
- Receive reports of the meetings of project group 1 and project group 4
- Discuss the table of content of the ESM guidance documents in the POW for 2022-2023
- Receive an update on the tentative schedule for work of the working group until COP16

2. Review and approval of the agenda

Ms. Leila Devia introduced the agenda. The working group adopted the agenda without changes.

3. Approval of the report of the previous teleconference

Ms. Leila Devia asked if there were any comments on the draft report of the previous teleconference, organized in September 2022. The draft report was circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the teleconference and no comments were received by the Secretariat. The working group approved the report without changes.

4. Membership

The Secretariat provided a report on membership and on the mail-out conducted and being planned: A letter from the co-chairs inviting entities to join the working group by 15 December was circulated by email. The co-chairs and Secretariat kindly asked to circulate it among the network of members. On 31 October 2022, the partnership working group comprised 61 members, including 18 Parties, 4 intergovernmental organizations, 21 regional centres, 2 governmental bodies or agencies, 4 non-governmental organizations and 12 industries or industry associations. Eight observer organizations were also invited to attend the meetings.

A letter from the Secretariat was being prepared to be sent out to relevant MEAs, funds, programmes and other stakeholders to inform about the Partnership new scope and programme of work and invite to participate in the partnership working group.

5. Reports on work of project groups

Ms. Leila Devia introduced the presentations on the outcomes of the project group meetings. The Secretariat introduced the discussions and the proposal for work developed by working group 1 on dissemination activities, which held the first meeting, prior to the teleconference.

Mr. Joseph Molapisi, Director of BCRC South Africa presented the outcome of the first meeting of project group 4 on pilot projects, which was also held prior to the teleconference.

On the ESM guidance, the secretariat introduced two approaches for the development of the tables of content of the ESM guidance: the first approach proposed a longer table of content which was drafted taking into consideration PACE and MPPI guidance documents on repair and refurbishment and PACE and MPPI guidance documents on recycling. The second approach presented was the one of the of the general PACE guidance document. The working group agreed to circulate an email proposing the two approaches and requesting comments from the members, to be sent to the secretariat by email by 17

November 2022. A joint meeting of the project groups two and three would follow the commenting period with the objective of integrating the comments in a new version of the tables of contents to be discussed during the next teleconference of the working group. It was agreed that the secretariat would send a doodle poll to identify the date of the joint meeting of project groups two and three.

6. Tentative schedule of work until BC COP16

The secretariat shared the tentative schedule of work and the deadlines for the preparation of documents until COP16, scheduled from 1 to 12 May 2023, including proposed dates for next teleconferences. The proposed dates were on Monday 12 or, Thursday 15 December or, Thursday 19 January 2023. Comments on the information documents being prepared would be accepted till 20 January. The comments would be included in the final version of the documents by 24 January, deadline for submission of information documents for both OEWS13 and BC COP16.

7. Logo of the Partnership

Ms. Dana Lapesova shared the draft logo for PACE II and asked the approval of the working group. The working group adopted the logo.

Following the approval by the working group, each member would be able to request it to the secretariat for advertising partnerships activities. The secretariat would ask to sign a declaration of non-commercial use of the logo and the logo would be granted for activities in the scope of the partnership programme of work. Following the adoption of the logo, during the teleconference, the Secretariat would circulate it to ask a confirmation of the approval from all members.

8. Other business

Ms. Leila Devia asked if any participant had any issue to propose under this agenda item. Ms. Dana Lapesova informed about an upcoming webinar on e-waste, the second of a series of five webinars that the Centre was organizing. Following the information sharing, the co-chairs thanked all the participants for their interventions and participation in the teleconference and closed the teleconference.