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Dear Mr. Willis,

Subject: Information on e-waste technical guidelines pursuant to decision BC-11/4

With reference to your letter dated on 4 June 2013, regarding the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eleventh meeting has requested Parties and others to submit comments on the draft revised technical guidelines dated on 23 December 2013 in particular on the issues referred to in paragraph 26(b) of the draft technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electronic and electrical waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention, as requested in decision BC-11/4, to the Secretariat, by 28 February 2014.

Thailand would like to support the Chairs proposal and the Japanese proposal on the situations where used equipment should normally be considered as non-waste under the following conditions:

- (i) used equipment is sent back as defective for repair under warranty with the intention of reuse; or
- (ii) used equipment is sent for refurbishment or repair under a valid contract with the intention of reuse; or
- (iii) defective used equipment is sent for root cause analysis under a valid contract; or
- (iv) used equipment is sent for reuse, provided that a partial functionality test is conducted before export and that necessary take back is ensured through a certified traceability system.

Please be assured of our full cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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