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RE: Comments on the elements for inclusion in and a possible way forward

1.0 General comments

We appreciate with the efforts made by Indonesia and Switzerland in leading developing alternative ways to facilitate implementation of Basel Convention, and entry to force the Ban amendment as early as possible. We have been following the discussion and the outcomes of the first two meetings in Bali and Switzerland. In our opinions the CLI meetings have shown that, there are still lots of hurdles which make many countries not to ratify the ban amendment and hence delay into come into force as early as was expected.

2.0 Other elements for considerations

Other elements proposed for considerations are:

- (a) **Development of capacity to differentiate hazardous wastes and other wastes:** In many developing countries they lack the capacity to differentiate waste contained in article 1 of the Basel Convention and those contained in Annex IX for the purpose of transboundary movement of hazardous waste. With this regards, developing countries and those with economy in transition they need to be empowered to have designated and competent laboratories for analysis of different type of waste and chemicals at country, sub-region or and region levels.
- (b) **Installation tools or instrument for monitoring Illegal traffic of hazardous waste and other wastes:** Most of the developing countries are lacking the capacity of monitoring transboundary movement of hazardous waste and other waste within their area of jurisdiction. The Basel Convention Regional Training Centres (BCRCs) could be empowered by installing an instrument or tools for watching the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and other wastes in defined zone or sub-region and assist the developing countries to comply with the Basel convention.
- (c) **Interpretation of article 17(5) of the Basel convention:** Since there are still a divergence on the meaning and legal interpretation of article 17 (5) of the Basel Convention, it is worthwhile to explore the possible repercussion of this disagreement to developing countries and those countries with economy in transition.

Sincerely Yours,

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