

**Note by the Executive Secretary on the  
review and strengthening of the operation of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating  
Centres**

By its decision OEWG-VII/2 on the review and strengthening of the operation of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres for Training and Technology Transfer, the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session invited Parties, Signatories and Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres to provide further comments on the following documents to be submitted to the Conference of the Parties, at its tenth meeting (COP 10) to be held in Cartagena, Colombia, from 17 to 21 October 2011.

- 1) Draft Work Plan for the strengthening of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres, taking into account the catalogue of actions set out in section 3 of the report by the Secretariat;
- 2) Detailed list of the necessary elements for the performance of the core functions based on appendices I and II to decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties;
- 3) Draft Strategic Framework for the Financial Sustainability of the Centres that would assist the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres in developing strategies for their financial sustainability, including exploring the use of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries and other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal;
- 4) Set of Indicators to measure performance and impediments in relation to the functions and impacts of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres.

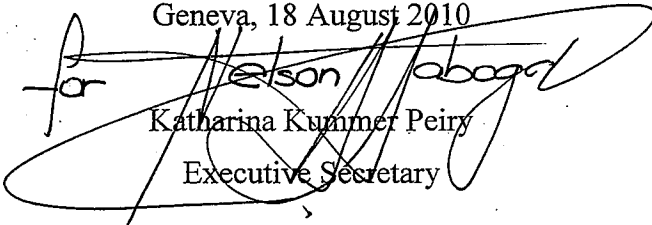
These documents, as requested by decision IX/4 of the ninth meeting of the Conference of Parties, have been prepared in consultation with the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres, appreciating the fact that they reflect the operation of and will ultimately impact these Centres. The documents do not necessarily reflect the situation of any particular Regional or Coordinating Centre unless otherwise specified.

To date, comments and reviews on this subject have been received from 6 Parties and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention would like to encourage Parties, Signatories and others to report on this subject.

As such, I would kindly invite you and your representative experts in the subject area to review and provide input on the abovementioned documents. By decision OEWG-VII/2, Parties, Signatories and Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres are invited to submit comments on the documents to the Secretariat by 15 November 2010 or as early as possible.

I would thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and valuable input towards this review.

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