

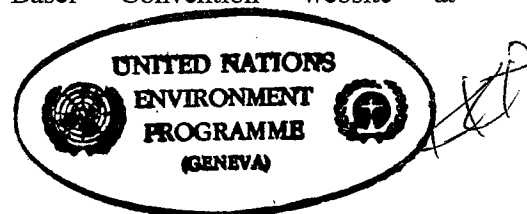
COMMUNICATION

INFORMAL BRIEFING FOR PERMANENT MISSIONS IN GENEVA ON MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EXPANDED BUREAU

The Secretariat refers to the First meeting of the Expanded Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, to be held in Geneva from 23 to 24 June 2009.

The Secretariat advises that an informal briefing is scheduled for Permanent Missions in Geneva on matters to be considered by the Expanded Bureau. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday 23 June at 9am**, at the International Environmental House 1 (Room 3) in Geneva. The President of the Bureau, the Honorable Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment, Government of Indonesia, will be present at the meeting.

The Annotated provisional agenda is attached for your reference. Documents for the meeting of the Expanded Bureau can be downloaded from the Basel Convention website at <http://www.basel.int/meetings/frsetmain.php>.



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of the ninth meeting of the Conference
of the Parties to the Basel Convention**
Geneva, 23-24 June 2009
Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The first meeting of the Expanded Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will be convened from 23 to 24 June 2009 at the International Environmental House 1 (Room 3) in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting will be opened by the President, Mr. Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment (Indonesia) at 10 a.m. on 23 June.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The Expanded Bureau is invited to consider and adopt the agenda of the meeting.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda

Item 3: Report on the implementation of decisions adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention

3. The Expanded Bureau will be given an oral report of the status of implementation of decisions adopted by the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Bureau will be invited to take note of the information provided and to provide guidance, as requested by the Secretariat when making the oral reports. To avoid duplication, those items for which it is expected that substantive discussion and guidance are required have been included under Item

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5: Organization of the seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group and proposals by the Secretariat for the organization of work.

4. The Secretariat will present an oral report on the status of implementation of decisions relating to technical and scientific matters which will include:

(a) The Nairobi Declaration on the Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste;

(b) The preparation of draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes and revised technical guidelines on used tyres.

5. The Secretariat will report on the status of implementation of decisions relating to legal and compliance matters, international cooperation and coordination, and ship dismantling which, among other things, will include:

(a) Enforcement of the Convention and combating illegal traffic;

(b) An update on the request for observer status with the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization;

(c) A report on steps taken by the Secretariat in respect of ship dismantling, including updates on the Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling and the status of the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships;

(d) A report on the status of comments received by Parties and others further to relevant decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

6. The Expanded Bureau will be invited to consider the financial reports for the Basel Convention Trust Fund and Technical Cooperation Trust Fund for the year 2008.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/TNF/1	Information on financial matters

Item 4: Cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

7. The Secretariat will provide a report pursuant to decision IX/10 on cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. This will include a report on:

(a) Action taken by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Secretariats of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions regarding interim arrangements for joint management and services;

(b) The organization of the Simultaneous Extraordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/2	Enhanced cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

Item 5: Organization of the seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group and proposals by the Secretariat for the organization of work

8. The Secretariat will report on the following substantive issues expected to be raised at the seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group and seek guidance from the Expanded Bureau on:

(a) Strategic Plan and the new Strategic Framework;

- (b) Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres;
- (c) Basel Convention Partnership Programme;
- (d) The President's statement on the possible way forward on the Ban Amendment.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/3	Review of the current Strategic Plan and new Strategic Framework
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/4	Developments on the review of the operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/5	Report on progress: Basel Convention Partnership Programme
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/6	Report on progress: The Ban Amendment

Item 6: Organization of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (2011)

9. The Secretariat will update the Expanded Bureau on offers received from Parties to host the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/7	Provisional offer by the Government of Colombia to host the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Item 7: Administrative matters

10. The Secretariat will present an update on its organization and staffing following the adoption of the programme of work for the triennium 2009-2011 by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

11. The Secretariat will present a document which outlines objective criteria it has developed to provide financial support to participants from developing and transition country Parties to attend meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Open-ended Working Group, in the event that insufficient funding is available to provide such support to all Parties requesting it. The Secretariat seeks the Expanded Bureau's guidance and possible endorsement of this approach.

Documentation	
UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/8	Criteria for financing participation at meetings of the Conference of the Parties and the Open-ended Working Group

Item 8: Other matters

12. The Expanded Bureau will be updated on activities to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention.
13. The Expanded Bureau will be briefed on the current status of sustainable financing and resource mobilization programmes.
14. The Expanded Bureau will be briefed on relevant decisions adopted at the 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention in October 2008, the 25th session

of the UNEP Governing Council in February 2009 and the 4th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention in May 2009.

Documentation

UNEP/SBC/BUREAU/9/1/INF/2

Information note on the 20th anniversary
celebrations

Item 9: Closure of the meeting

15. It is anticipated that the meeting will be closed on the afternoon of 24 June 2009.
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