

**Note by the Executive Secretary on the  
review of the operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres**

By its Decision IX/4 of the ninth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Basel Convention requested the Secretariat to prepare the following documents to be submitted to the Open-ended Working Group, at its seventh session (OEWG 7) to be held in Geneva from 10 to 14 of May 2010.

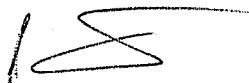
- 1) Draft Work Plan for the strengthening of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres, taking into account the catalogue of actions set out in section 3 of the report by the Secretariat;
- 2) Detailed list of the necessary elements for the performance of the core functions based on Appendices I and II to Decision VI/3;
- 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 have been prepared in extensive consultations with the Regional and Coordinating Centres of the Basel Convention, appreciating the fact that they reflect the working of these Centres and will ultimately impact the Centres. Periodic meetings, teleconferences as well as the use of documents and reports stated above have enabled the Secretariat to produce a document reflecting the weaknesses and strengths of the regional and coordinating centres in general. It is advised though that the contents of the document do not necessarily reflect the situation of any particular BCRC unless otherwise mentioned.

I would like to kindly invite you and your representative experts in the subject area to review the documents for further improvements. By Decision IX/4, Parties, signatories and others are invited to submit comments on the documents to the Secretariat by 30 April 2010 or as early as possible keeping in mind the meeting dates of the OEWG 7.

May I thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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