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**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Tenth meeting**

Cartagena, Colombia, 17–21 October 2011
Item 3 (g) of the provisional agenda*

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:
work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013**

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013

Note by the Secretariat

Introduction

1. By its decision OEWG-VII/18, the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal requested the Secretariat to prepare and make available to parties by 15 May 2011 a revised draft work programme of the Working Group for 2012–2013 and to prepare a draft decision for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting. It invited parties to comment on the revised draft work programme by 30 June 2011 and requested the Secretariat to publish such comments on the website of the Basel Convention.

I. Implementation

2. The Secretariat prepared and made available to parties by 13 May 2011 a revised draft work programme on the website of the Basel Convention. The Secretariat also posted a note inviting parties to provide comments on the revised draft work programme by 30 June 2011 or as early as possible.

3. A compilation of the comments on the revised draft work programme received from two parties is set out in document UNEP/CHW.10/INF/36.

II. Proposed action

4. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

Adopts the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013 set out in the annex to the present decision.

* UNEP/CHW.10/1.

Annex to decision X/[]

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013

I. Strategic issues			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
A. Strategic framework	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat and the Basel Convention regional centres on efforts to assist parties in implementing the strategic framework	IX/3 OEWG-VII/1	High
	2. Provide guidance on the development of a certification system and formulation of standards in relation to the implementation of the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative	OEWG-VII/4 New	High
B. Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres	Provide guidance on the strengthening of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/4 OEWG-VII/2	High
C. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	1. Provide guidance on the work undertaken by the Secretariat and by the Basel Convention regional centres to implement the workplan of the Basel Convention Partnership Programme	IX/7–9	High
	2. Provide guidance on the work of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE)	OEWG-VII/3	
II. Scientific and technical matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
A. Technical guidelines	1. Develop the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of e-waste, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste	IX/6 OEWG-VII/5	High
	2. Revise the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/15 OEWG-VII/7	High
	3. Update the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants and consider the development of guidelines on nine new persistent organic pollutants	IX/16 OEWG-VII/8	Medium
	4. Revise the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used tyres (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/14 OEWG-VII/6	Medium
	5. Develop the technical guidelines on the co-processing of hazardous wastes in cement kilns, (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/17 OEWG-VII/9	Medium

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Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
B. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	1. Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections to the list of wastes in Annexes VIII and IX	VIII/15	High
	2. Consider the amendment of entries relating to persistent organic pollutants	IX/16	High
	3. Provide guidance on the identification of wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System and related matters	IX/19	Medium
	4. Provide guidance on harmonization and coordination as they relate to work with UNSCE/Globally Harmonized System	IX/20	Medium
	5. Review work on the guidance papers on hazard characteristic H11 pursuant to decision VIII/21	IX/18	Medium

III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
A. Environmentally sound dismantling of ships	Assess in a preliminary manner whether the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, as adopted by the International Maritime Organization, establishes an equivalent level of control and enforcement as that established under the Basel Convention, in their entirety, ¹ after having developed criteria for this assessment (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/30 OEWG-VII/12	High
B. Enforcement of the Convention and combating illegal traffic	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on activities to assist parties to enforce the Convention and to combat illegal traffic 2. Consider and adopt the draft instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/23 OEWG-VII/14	High
C. Addressing the interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the Basel Convention	Continue the development of a draft decision to reach an agreed interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the Basel Convention in accordance with international law, taking into account the work of the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting on this matter, including a non-exhaustive list of possible elements for a draft decision (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/25 OEWG-VII/15	High

¹ *Editors' note:* This wording has been reproduced verbatim from decisions IX/30 and OEWG-VII/12 and has not been edited.

III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
D. Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization (IMO)	Cooperate with IMO on ways of ensuring that the generation of wastes on board ships is minimized. Assess how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes under the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, (MARPOL) and develop guidance in cooperation with IMO on how to improve the sea-land interface so as to ensure that MARPOL wastes, once offloaded, are managed in an environmentally sound manner.	IX/12 OEWG-VII/13	Medium
E. Implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention	Review the implementation of decision V/32 and develop recommendations addressing the expediency of the procedures under the mechanism, the adequacy of resources available for use under the mechanism and cooperation with other international organizations and agencies in responding to an emergency situation, and transmit those recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting (pending the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties)	IX/22	Medium
IV. Resource mobilization and sustainable financing			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
Resource mobilization and sustainable financing	Enhance support with regard to resource mobilization and continue to enhance financial contributions for the implementation of the Basel Convention	VIII/34 OEWG-VII/16	High

V. International cooperation and coordination			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
A. Enhance the cooperation and coordination between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions	Provide guidance to the Secretariat, as appropriate, on the implementation of decisions IX/10 and BC.Ex-1/1 (take into account any decision on synergies adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting)	IX/10, IX/31	High
B. International cooperation and coordination	Provide guidance, as appropriate, to the Secretariat on means of enhancing cooperation and coordination with international and regional organizations and multilateral environmental agreements in areas of relevance to the Convention	IX/11	Medium

VI. Financial matters			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
Programme budget and other financial matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide guidance on and review the preparation of the programme budget for 2014–2015 and related financial matters 2. Consider the reports by the Secretariat on financial and administrative matters 	IX/31 OEWG-VII/17	High

VII. Decisions of the Conference of the Parties			
Topics	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties* and of the Open-ended Working Group at its seventh session	Priority
Draft decisions of the Conference of the Parties	Review and submit draft decisions for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting		High

* Where applicable, the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties will be added at the tenth meeting of the Conference.