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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 (f) (ii) of the provisional agenda\*

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:  
financial matters: resource mobilization and sustainable financing**

## **Submission by the Inter-American Development Bank**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

The annex to the present note contains an information note submitted by the Water and Sanitation Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) entitled “IDB invitation to the Basel Convention”. It has not been formally edited by the Secretariat and is presented as received.

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Annex



Washington, D.C., October 19, 2011

Mr. Matthias Kern  
Senior Programme Officer UNEP  
Secretariat of the Basel Convention

**Subject: IDB invitation to the Basel Convention**

Dear Mr. Kern,

On behalf of the Water and Sanitation Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), we would like to thank you for the invitation to share information related to IDB's waste-related projects and programs at the Conference of the Parties 10 of the Basel Convention in Cartagena, Colombia.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling problems we will not be able to attend the Conference of the Parties. However, we would like to confirm our interest in exploring collaboration opportunities with the Basel Convention, in the Latin American region.

We would like to remark the interest of the sanitation group in mainstreaming in all its operations and activities related to waste management, the international recommendations and restrictions on the use of toxic substances, including the Basel Convention, as well as expanding its activities in topics related to the global chemical agenda. A case in point, is the management of WEEE (*Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipment*), which has been strategically defined as a topic of interest for the solid waste management group of the IDB; particularly, the informal recycling industry related to WEEE management. In this line, the Water and Sanitation Initiative at the IDB, together with IDB's Multilateral Investment Fund, are working on projects that aim to bring the informal recycling industry into the formal waste management system, under a regional initiative called: "*Economic and Social Inclusion of Informal Recyclers*".

In this framework, the IDB is exploring with the regional offices of the Basel Convention in South and Central American, options to carry out pilot projects in some countries of the region in order to promote the improvement in WEEE the recovery practices, and allowing inclusion of the informal recycling industry. We look forward to discuss this and further options.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Horacio Terraza', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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