

VIII/2: Creating innovative solutions through the Basel Convention for the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic wastes

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the issue of electrical and electronic waste at the World Forum on E-waste that took place on 30 November 2006 on the occasion of the high-level segment of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

Considering the Basel Declaration on Environmentally Sound Management and the Ministerial Statement on Partnerships for Meeting the Global Waste Challenge,

Taking into account the importance of waste minimization, product stewardship, extended producer responsibility, reduction of transboundary movements and the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste (e-waste),

Welcoming the Nairobi Declaration on the Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste adopted on the occasion of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* to strengthen the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to allow them to fulfil their intended role as instruments for international cooperation;
2. *Urges* Parties and other stakeholders to increase financial support for work on e-waste issues;
3. *Mandates* the Open-ended Working Group, beginning at its sixth meeting, to develop a work plan for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting on the environmentally sound management of e-waste focusing on the needs of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, which should include:
 - (a) The preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of e-waste through the involvement of all stakeholders;
 - (b) Monitoring of developments in the environmentally sound management of e-waste;
4. *Strongly encourages* Parties to develop further strategic partnerships targeting e-waste;
5. *Strongly encourages* the development of pilot projects on take-back systems, including the environmentally sound collection, reuse, refurbishment and recycling of e-waste, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
6. *Urges* Parties to collaborate in the prevention and combating of illegal traffic of e-waste through information exchange; tracking and early warning systems; capacity-building, particularly the strengthening of institutional mechanisms; legal frameworks; and control activities;
7. *Recommends* that Parties phase out technologies which are not environmentally sound and that they promote the development and introduction of innovative, safe and sound technologies for the treatment, recycling or recovery of e-waste and that they establish national policies and legislation and provide for their diligent enforcement;
8. *Encourages* Parties to take a life-cycle approach and promote clean technology and green design for electrical and electronic products, including the phase-out of hazardous substances used in production and included in components;
9. *Requests* Parties to ensure that donated electrical and electronic equipment that is the subject of transboundary movement is not end-of-life equipment;

10. *Agrees* to review progress at the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties to guide future work for the environmentally sound management of e-waste;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to initiate work on relevant activities above for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its sixth session;

12. *Also requests* the Secretariat to report on progress at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.