

VIII/34: Resource mobilization and sustainable financing

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the progress made in mobilizing resources, both human and financial, over the past year,

Recognizing that voluntary contributions are an essential complement for the effective implementation of the Basel Convention,

Recognizing the need to secure sustainable financing to assist Parties in implementing the Convention,

Acknowledging that resource mobilization is a step-wise process that should include the development of systematic fund-raising efforts, broadening of the donor network, consistent identification of changing donor priorities and the provision of assistance to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to engage in the process,

Recalling decision OEWG-IV/15 of the Open-ended Working Group on resource mobilization,

Further recalling its decision VII/40 calling for an examination of article 14 of the Convention to determine the legal and institutional feasibility of appropriate and predictable financial mechanisms of the Convention,

Taking note of the article 14 study carried out in response to decision VII/40,

Highlighting the importance of strengthening linkages with, building on and coordinating with resource mobilization strategies of other relevant multilateral agreements, approaches and processes, including the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, including its Quick Start Programme, and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer,

Expressing support for the implementation of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building and other ongoing similar activities,

Taking note of the notes by the Secretariat on the resource mobilization¹ programme and on sustainable financing,²

Recognizing the challenges of mainstreaming hazardous wastes into development processes in developing countries and the need to develop relevant capacities,

Resource mobilization

1. *Commends* the progress on resource mobilization described in annex I to the note by the secretariat on resource mobilization;

2. *Encourages* Parties and other stakeholders to participate in the Basel Convention Partnership Programme as a means to help leverage resources to address the implementation of the focus areas of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention to 2010 and promote the transfer of technology to and the building of capacities of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

3. *Invites* Parties and other stakeholders who are in a position to do so to contribute to the funding of the post of Senior Programme Officer for Partnerships and Resource Mobilization as a means to support resource mobilization and the Partnership Programme of the Basel Convention;

¹ UNEP/CHW.8/9*.

² UNEP/CHW.8/10.

4. *Invites* the developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition:

(a) To identify the need for, and incorporate, as necessary, environmentally sound management of hazardous and other wastes into national development plans in order, among other things, to advance multilateral and bilateral financing;

(b) To include capacity-building and technology transfer for the implementation of the Basel Convention, including their maintenance, in the regional elaboration of the Bali Strategic Plan;

5. *Encourages* individual developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition which are Parties to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as well as Parties to the Basel Convention to prepare proposals under the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism or Joint Implementation mechanism, which both contribute to climate protection and the environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly in reducing methane emissions from landfills;

6. *Recommends* that individual developing countries and Countries with economies in transition that are Parties to both the Stockholm and Basel Conventions:

(a) Use their national implementation plans under the Stockholm Convention as a basis for managing wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;

(b) Propose projects to the Global Environment Facility within its mandate that may contribute to implementation of the Stockholm Convention as well as contribute indirectly to the implementation of the Basel Convention by building capacity;

7. *Also recommends* that individual developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition propose projects to the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management Quick Start Programme that relate to chemical wastes and wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants;

8. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult with the Stockholm Convention secretariat, the Rotterdam Convention secretariat, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management secretariat and other appropriate entities to help identify ways in which the Secretariat might, as part of a multi-faceted approach to mobilizing financial resources, assist Basel Convention developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in their efforts to integrate objectives of sound management of chemical wastes and wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants into their national development assistance requests;

9. *Also requests* the Secretariat, in a facilitative role, to work closely with the relevant implementing, executing, and finance agencies (including the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and others) and the Global Environment Facility to enhance their understanding of, and support for, the aims and objectives of the present decision;

Sustainable financing

10. *Agrees* to supplement current and ongoing resource mobilization activities under the Convention by:

(a) Requesting the Open-ended Working Group to initiate a review of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention for purposes of better aligning voluntary earmarked contributions to the fund with a short list of strategic priorities identified by the Conference of the Parties on a biennial basis and drawn from the Basel Convention Strategic Plan focus areas;

(b) Requesting the Executive Secretary to enhance efforts to explore and pursue opportunities for activities associated with implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention to be funded by the Global Environment

Facility, consistent with the Facility's mandate, focal area operational programmes and strategic priorities;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the secretariats of the Stockholm Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Strategic Approach, to explore ways to make more effective use of and build upon existing sources of relevant global funding by inviting the Global Environment Facility and the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, within their mandates, and the Parties to the Montreal Protocol to identify areas that can support implementation of appropriate and relevant objectives of the Convention and to report on the results of its efforts;

12. *Invites* Parties, for the longer term, to consider the need for the Global Environment Facility to broaden its programming activities, with a view to targeted and sustainable funding of priority needs within developing countries for the implementation of those objectives of the Convention that may relate to the incremental costs of achieving global environmental benefits;

13. *Requests* the Secretariat, as part of its activities in the context of paragraphs 10 and 11 of the present decision, to continue exploring, as appropriate, possibilities for new sources of funding to support the implementation of the Basel Convention;

14. *Requests* the Secretariat and the Basel Convention regional centres, subject to the availability of voluntary contributions and in consultation with relevant international organizations such as the Global Environment Facility, to conduct training activities in the regional centres and with countries within the regions to enhance their capacity to gain access to the Global Environment Facility and other financing mechanisms;

15. *Encourages* competent authorities and focal points of the Basel Convention to pursue opportunities for coordination at the national level regarding other chemical and waste management activities, including those advanced under other multilateral environmental agreements;

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16. *Also encourages* developed country parties and others to increase voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention;

17. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to monitor implementation of the present decision and report to the Conference of the Parties on the implementation thereof.