

V/23. Prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes
and other wastes

The Conference

1. Extends the mandate of the Technical Working Group and requests the Legal Working Group to give further consideration to the issue of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes, to develop recommended procedures to address alleged cases of illegal traffic and to assist Parties in preventing, identifying, monitoring and managing illegal traffic, taking into account the draft guidance elements for the detection, prevention and control of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes, approved by the Technical Working Group and the Consultative Subgroup of Legal and Technical Experts at their first joint meeting, in Pretoria, in November 1998;

2. Appeals to Parties to bring any confirmed case or, after consultation and agreement with the other Parties involved, alleged case of

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illegal traffic to the attention of the secretariat of the Basel Convention, with all the necessary information to enable the secretariat to take appropriate action, including support for any efforts by the Parties to solve the issues, such as the provision of appropriate expertise;

3. Invites Parties to use the approved form in their reports to the secretariat related to confirmed cases of illegal traffic;

4. Requests the secretariat to continue its cooperation with various regional commissions and secretariats of regional conventions and protocols, non-governmental organization, the industry sector and the private sector, as well as the World Customs Organization and the International Criminal Police Organization, in order to achieve a better control and monitoring of cases or alleged cases of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes;

5. Requests the Parties and the secretariat to take the necessary preventive measures, in particular through the dissemination of information on the Basel Convention and through working closely with the World Customs Organization, to include, as a matter of priority, the wastes under the scope of the Convention in the Harmonized System;

6. Requests the secretariat, bearing in mind the provisions of decision IV/12, to work closely with the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods to harmonize classification and labelling systems for hazardous wastes and dangerous goods;

7. Requests the Parties, with the assistance of the secretariat, to organize training courses and develop training manuals, at the national and regional levels, for customs officers and police forces, in cooperation with the World Customs Organization, the International Criminal Police Organization and other appropriate bodies, including United Nations regional commissions and secretariats of regional agreements dealing with similar issues.