

IV/17. Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the activities undertaken at the global level leading to the development of the legally binding instruments for the application of the prior informed consent procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade and on persistent organic pollutants

The Conference

1. Takes note of the activities of the Technical Working Group regarding efforts to ensure that the international legally binding instruments being prepared concerning the implementation of the prior informed consent procedure and on persistent organic pollutants do not overlap with the Basel Convention;
2. Emphasizes that the sets of technical guidelines on wastes comprising or containing PCBs, PCTs, and PBBs and on hazardous waste from the production and use of organic solvents prepared by the Technical Working Group and adopted by the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties are of relevance to the issue of a number of persistent organic pollutants;
3. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, under the guidance of the Technical Working Group, to continue its cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, in particular with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the World Health Organization, on matters pertaining to coordination among these bodies, with a view to developing legally binding instruments which would not overlap with the Basel Convention;
4. Invites Parties to initiate, as appropriate and if not yet done, consultations with their respective national authorities responsible for chemical management to ensure consistency in regard to the scope of the Basel Convention and the newly developed legally binding instruments on hazardous chemicals;
5. Requests the Technical Working Group to consider the further elaboration of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants;
6. Further invites Parties, as appropriate, to consider the particular difficulties posed by persistent organic pollutant wastes when providing technical assistance.