

## OEWG-8/3: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

### *The Open-ended Working Group*

1. *Welcomes* the initiatives of the Working Group of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment to coordinate and collaborate, in its activities, with other bodies and undertakings, including the Solving the E-Waste Problem Initiative coordinated by the United Nations University, to establish synergies and to prevent the duplication of activities in the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;
2. *Notes* the progress made in the implementation of the Partnership and welcomes the report submitted by the co-chairs of the Partnership;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the financial and in-kind contributions made to the Partnership by parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;
4. *Welcomes* the revised overall guidance document,<sup>2</sup> which reflects the outcome of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, and the changes, based on evaluation studies, to the summaries and recommendations contained in the technical guidelines on environmentally sound testing, refurbishment and repair of used computing equipment and the technical guidelines on environmentally sound material recovery and recycling of end-of-life computing equipment;
5. *Invites* parties, signatories and stakeholders to submit any comments on the revised overall guidance document to the Secretariat by 30 November 2012;
6. *Requests* the Partnership to revise the draft overall guidance document taking into account the comments submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 above;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat:
  - (a) To continue to facilitate and provide expertise to the Partnership;
  - (b) To publish the revised overall guidance document containing the changes to the summaries and recommendations set out in the two technical guidelines on the website of the Basel Convention;
  - (c) To submit the revised draft overall guidance document to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eleventh meeting for its consideration;
  - (d) To report on progress in the activities undertaken by the Partnership to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eleventh meeting;
8. *Invites* parties, signatories, members of industry organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to make financial and in-kind contributions with a view to enabling the Partnership:
  - (a) To initiate additional e-waste surveys and pilot projects on the collection and management of end-of-life computing equipment from the informal sector in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;
  - (b) To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/5.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/6.

(c) To facilitate the development and implementation of guidelines, tools and activities;

9. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document and guidelines approved by the Partnership and to continue to hold training and outreach workshops, subject to the availability of funding;

10. *Invites* additional parties, signatories and stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations, in particular from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate in the activities of the Partnership Working Group.