

OEWG-8/9: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization

The Open-ended Working Group,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note by the Secretariat on cooperation between the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the International Maritime Organization;¹
2. *Also takes note* of the current version of the legal analysis of the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships,² invites parties and others to review the analysis further and send comments to the Secretariat by 1 December 2012 and requests the Secretariat to post the comments received on the Convention website;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat, taking into account comments received and, as appropriate, presenting various interpretations, to prepare a revised version of the legal analysis, including a summary and conclusions that may include more than one interpretation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue the implementation of the requests directed to it in decision BC-10/16;
5. *Recalls* the invitations to parties contained in decision BC-10/16 with regard to assessing how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, or to provide funds to enable the Secretariat to undertake such an assessment in close consultation with the International Maritime Organization, as well as with regard to the development, in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization, of a guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of the International Convention, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/13.

² UNEP/CHW/OEWG.8/INF/18, annex.