

VII/27. Abandonment of ships

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the concern expressed by a number of Parties related to the abandonment of ships on land or in ports,

Concerned that abandonment of ships on land or in ports could have effects on human health and the environment,

1. *Invites* Parties to provide information regarding the abandonment of ships on land or in ports to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and directs the Secretariat to compile such information for presentation to the Open-ended Working Group;

2. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to consider the information submitted with a view to taking action, as deemed appropriate;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to consult the secretariat of the International Maritime Organization on this issue.