

VII/34. Illegal traffic

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision V/23 on the prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes,

Also recalling its decision VI/16, in which it adopted in the appendix to the decision guidance elements for the detection, prevention and control of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and called for the preparation of an appendix to the guidance elements in the form of a training manual for personnel involved in preventing, identifying and managing such illegal traffic,

Welcoming the Training Manual for the Enforcement of Laws Implementing the Basel Convention: Guidance for Safe and Effective Detection, Investigation and Prosecution of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous and Other Wastes, as contained in the annex to the note by the Secretariat on guidance elements,²⁴

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare, for submission to the Open-ended Working Group, a revised draft of the training manual, taking into account any comments received from Parties prior to, during and after the seventh meeting of the Conference of Parties but received no later than 31 December 2004, having particular regard to its function as a training tool;

2. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to consider and approve the training manual on behalf of the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Agrees*, upon approval by the Open-ended Working Group, to include the text of the training manual as appendix 5 to the Guidance Elements for Detection, Prevention and Control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to make the guidance elements, including their appendices, available on the Convention web site in all official United Nations languages;

5. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to continue to review and update the guidance elements as appropriate;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional centres, to continue to assist Parties, particularly developing countries, in implementing the guidance elements at the national level, including the development of national contingency plans;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue its efforts to organize further training seminars to assist Parties, particularly developing countries, in implementing the guidance elements;

8. *Calls upon* all Parties and organizations in a position to do so to make financial or in-kind contributions for the organization of such training seminars.

²⁴ UNEP/CHW.7/24.