

Decision II/21

**The role of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention
in the implementation of Agenda 21**

The Conference,

Recalling decision I/23 of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the role of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in the implementation of Agenda 21 which called upon the Secretariat to carry out, within available resources, as a priority, a list of activities on issues raised in Agenda 21 which have relevance to the Basel Convention,

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Aware of the need for assistance to developing countries in implementing the Convention,

And aware that Agenda 21 seeks to promote the development of control procedures for the transboundary movement of hazardous waste destined for recovery operations under the Basel Convention that encourage environmentally economically sound recycling operations,

Recognizing that very limited resources are available under the Convention to undertake this task,

1. Invites Parties and other countries to provide additional financial resources to the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to enable the Secretariat to assist developing countries effectively in implementing the Convention, through the priority activities to be undertaken as set out in Agenda 21, and referred to in its decision I/23;

2. Invites Parties and other countries to consider providing resource persons, experts in hazardous-waste-related issues, to advise developing countries, as required, in order to strengthen their institutional capacities in relation to the priority activities referred to in decision I/23.