

OEWG-VII/14: Enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Parties and others that have submitted proposals and comments on the draft detailed outline of an instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic prepared by the Secretariat;¹

2. *Also expresses its appreciation* to those Parties that have provided funding for activities of the Secretariat aimed at assisting Parties in implementing and enforcing the Basel Convention;

3. *Agrees*, subject to the availability of resources from voluntary contributions, to convene, by electronic means, a small expert group to develop a draft instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic based upon the draft detailed outline prepared by the Secretariat, in addition to any proposals and comments provided in accordance with decisions VIII/24 and IX/23;

4. *Requests* the small expert group, if convened, to report on the outcome of its work and to submit a draft decision, through the Secretariat, to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its tenth meeting;

5. *Urges* Parties to continue to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement and enforce the Convention;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to maintain a collection of national legislation and other measures adopted by Parties to implement the Convention, including measures to prevent and punish illegal traffic, and to make such measures available on the website of the Basel Convention;

7. *Welcomes* the various implementation and enforcement activities undertaken by the Secretariat² and encourages the Secretariat to develop them further;

8. *Calls upon* Parties and others in a position to do so to make financial or in kind contributions towards the development of enforcement tools and the conduct of enforcement training activities to prevent and punish illegal traffic; the development of tools and the conduct of training activities on the development of national legislation and other measures to implement the Convention; and the preparation of the draft instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a draft decision concerning these matters for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG/6/12, annex.

² UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/14.