

OEWG-VII/7: Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes pursuant to decision IX/15

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling decision IX/15 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention,

1. *Welcomes* the contribution by Japan as lead country until January 2010 in the development of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury and takes note of the draft technical guidelines;¹
2. *Invites* further nominations by Parties and others to participate in the work of the small intersessional working group established pursuant to decision IX/15, to be submitted to the Secretariat by 30 June 2010, if possible;
3. *Invites* Parties to consider serving as lead country for developing the technical guidelines;
4. *Requests* the lead country, should one be identified, or the Secretariat, subject to the availability of voluntary funding, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a revised version of the technical guidelines, taking into account the discussions at the seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group, by 31 October 2010 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention;
5. *Invites* Parties and others to submit comments on the revised draft technical guidelines to the Secretariat and the lead country, should one be identified, by 28 February 2011 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention;
6. *Requests* the lead country, should one be identified, or the Secretariat, subject to the availability of voluntary funding, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to prepare a further revision of the draft technical guidelines, taking into account the comments received, by 31 July 2011 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention;
7. *Invites* Parties and others to submit comments on the revised draft technical guidelines to the Secretariat and the lead country, should one be identified, by 30 September 2011 for publication on the website of the Basel Convention;
8. *Mandates* the small intersessional working group to hold a meeting immediately before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to prepare a final draft of the technical guidelines, taking into account the comments received;
9. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the outcome of the meeting of the small intersessional working group to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting and to submit the draft technical guidelines to the Conference of the Parties at that meeting for consideration and possible adoption.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/10.