

BC-15/13: National reporting

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note of:*

(a) The updated electronic reporting system of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal;¹

(b) The practical guidance on the development of inventories of plastic waste, obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste, and waste batteries containing lithium;² and revised practical guidance for the development of inventories of used lead-acid batteries and waste oils;³

2. *Encourages* Parties that have not yet done so to transmit to the Secretariat their national reports for the year 2020 and for previous years as soon as possible;

3. *Invites* Parties to include information on waste generation in their national reports at least once every four years;

4. *Invites* Parties and others to make use of the practical guidance referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of the present decision and to inform the Secretariat of their experience in doing so by 31 December 2023;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to develop the electronic reporting system and to support Parties in using it;

(b) Also to continue to develop, subject to the availability of resources, practical guidance on the development of inventories for waste streams considered to be of medium priority, in accordance with decision BC-14/10, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

(c) To make available in the six official languages of the United Nations, subject to the availability of resources, the practical guidance on the development of inventories of plastic waste, obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste, and waste batteries containing lithium, referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of the present decision, to enhance its use by Parties;

(d) To undertake, subject to the availability of resources, pilot projects to test the practical guidance on the development of an inventory of plastic waste, obsolete pesticides and pesticide-container waste, and waste batteries containing lithium, and to prepare, on the basis of the outcomes of those projects and comments received by Parties and observers on their experience in using the guidance, revised practical guidance for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth meeting;

(e) To widely disseminate the *Waste Without Frontiers II* report,⁴ subject to the availability of resources;

(f) To continue, subject to the availability of resources, to provide training to developing countries and other countries that need assistance to meet their reporting obligations, in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, and in doing so to prioritize capacity-building for Parties to develop national inventories and national legislation hand in hand, in order to build on the approach taken by the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance;⁵

(g) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting on the implementation of the present decision.

¹ www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/tabid/3356/Default.aspx.

² UNEP/CHW.15/INF/19/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.15/INF/50/Rev.1 and UNEP/CHW.15/INF/51/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/61.

⁴ www.basel.int/Implementation/Publications/Other/tabid/2470/Default.aspx.

⁵ www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/Compliance/SpecificSubmissionsActivities/Currentsubmissions/tabid/2310/Default.aspx.