

## **BC-15/20: National legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Noting* its decision BC-15/27 on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes,

1. *Encourages* the Secretariat to further develop its implementation and enforcement activities to support Parties;
2. *Invites* enforcement organizations and networks to continue to actively engage in preventing and combating illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes and to continue their collaboration with the Secretariat on activities aimed at assisting Parties to prevent and combat illegal traffic;
3. *Reminds* Parties of the need to fulfil their obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 4 and paragraph 5 of Article 9 of the Convention, including by updating or developing stringent legislation on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and by incorporating into their national legislation appropriate sanctions or penalties for illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes;
4. *Invites* Parties to continue to share information, through the Secretariat, on best practices in preventing and combating illegal traffic and to report cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic or table 9 of the format for national reporting;
5. *Also invites* Parties that have not yet provided the Secretariat with information on national definitions of hazardous wastes as required under Article 3 and paragraph 2 (b) of Article 13 of the Convention, or any information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions as required under paragraph 1 (a) and (b) of Article 4 of the Convention and paragraph 2 (c) and (d) of Article 13 of the Convention, to do so as soon as possible and to report, through their designated focal points, any subsequent significant change in that information using the standardized reporting format or the format for national reporting;
6. *Requests* the Secretariat:
  - (a) To continue to maintain a collection of best practices for preventing and punishing illegal traffic, forms for reporting confirmed cases of illegal traffic, information on national definitions of hazardous wastes, and information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions, and to continue to make that information available on the Convention website;
  - (b) To make information on national definitions of hazardous wastes, and information on import or export restrictions or prohibitions available in the six official languages of the United Nations, subject to the availability of resources;
  - (c) To provide Parties, upon request, with advice on matters pertaining to the implementation and enforcement of the Convention, including on the development and updating of national legislation or other measures, and assistance in the identification of cases of illegal traffic;
  - (d) To continue to cooperate with enforcement organizations and networks;
  - (e) To further develop tools, including e-learning tools, and organize enforcement training activities, subject to the availability of resources, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, the secretariats of other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and other international organizations, agencies or programmes and to assist Parties, particularly developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, to develop national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the Convention and to prevent and punish illegal traffic;
  - (f) To report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.