

BC-15/22: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

The Conference of the Parties

I

Follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

1. *Welcomes* the activities undertaken by Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres and other members of the working group of the Follow-up Partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (hereinafter “the Partnership”) to implement its programme of work;¹
2. *Adopts* the amendments to the terms of reference of the Partnership,² including the new name of the Partnership, and the programme of work for the biennium 2022–2023 of the working group of the Partnership;³
3. *Invites* Parties, signatories and all other stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, relevant e-waste platforms, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and former partners of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment to communicate to the Secretariat no later than 31 August 2022 their wish to be admitted as a member of the working group of the Partnership;
4. *Requests* the working group of the Partnership to implement the activities in the programme of work for the biennium 2022–2023;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

II

Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic

6. *Takes note* of decision BC-15/17 on the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance;
7. *Also takes note* of the progress report of the Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic⁴ and acknowledges the progress made by the Network since the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
8. *Invites* entities with a specific mandate to deliver implementation and enforcement capacity-building activities that could assist Parties to the Basel Convention in preventing and combating illegal traffic of hazardous wastes and other wastes to consider sending a duly motivated request to the Chair of the Network regarding admission as members of the Network;
9. *Elects* the following representatives of five Parties to the Basel Convention to serve as members of the Network:

From African States: Ms. Simeon Pulchérie (Benin), until the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/33.

² UNEP/CHW.15/INF/39/Add.1, annex I.

³ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/39/Add.1, annex II.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/34, annex.

From Asia-Pacific States: Mr. Norhisham Abdul Hamid (Malaysia), until the closure of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: Ms. Lael Bertide-Josiah (Antigua and Barbuda), until the closure of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From Western European and other States: Ms. Katie Olley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), until the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From Eastern European States: Ms. Kristine Vardanashvili (Georgia), until the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

10. *Designates* the following four representatives of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to serve as members of the Network:

From the African region: Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the African Region located in Nigeria, until the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From the Asia-Pacific region: Basel Convention Regional Centre located in Iran (Islamic Republic of) Iran, until the closure of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From the Eastern European region: Basel Convention Regional Centre located in Slovakia, until the closure of the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

From the Latin American and Caribbean region: Basel Convention Regional Centre located in Argentina, until the closure of the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

III

Household Waste Partnership

12. *Takes note* of the draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste developed by the Household Waste Partnership working group;⁵

13. *Invites* Parties and others to provide further comments on the draft overall guidance document referred to in paragraph 13 of the present decision to the Secretariat by 15 October 2022;

14. *Requests* the working group to prepare, by 15 December 2022, a revised draft of the overall guidance document, taking into account (a) the comments received prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;⁶ (b) the discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties; (c) any additional comments received by 15 October 2022 pursuant to paragraph 14 of the present decision; and (d) the outcomes of pilot projects or testing of the draft overall guidance document undertaken by Parties, and taking into careful consideration existing guidance under the Convention, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

15. *Invites* Parties and others to provide comments on the revised draft of the overall guidance document prepared pursuant to paragraph 15 of the present decision to the Secretariat by 15 February 2023, and requests the Secretariat to publish the comments received on the Convention website and prepare a compilation of those comments for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

⁵ UNEP/CHW.15/18/Rev.1/Add.1.

⁶ <http://www.basel.int/Implementation/HouseholdWastePartnership/OverallGuidanceDocument/tabid/8227/Default.aspx>.

16. *Notes* the progress made in the implementation of the workplan of the Household Waste Partnership for the biennium 2020–2021;⁷

17. *Requests* the working group to implement the following activities, which constitute the workplan of the Household Waste Partnership for the biennium 2022–2023:

(a) Activities for awareness-raising and training relating to the environmentally sound management of household waste, coordination of outreach activities, and cooperation with other organizations working on household waste management;

(b) Further development of the draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste pursuant to paragraph 15 of the present decision;

(c) Continued coordination of outreach activities and cooperation with other organizations working on household waste management, including the Partnership on Plastic Waste, to prevent overlap between programmes and to share lessons learned;

18. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

IV

Plastic Waste Partnership

19. *Welcomes* resolution 5/14 adopted by the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifth session entitled “End plastic pollution: towards an international legally binding instrument”;

20. *Notes with appreciation* the progress made in the implementation of the workplan for the working group of the Plastic Waste Partnership for the biennium 2020–2021;⁸

21. *Invites* Parties and others who have not yet nominated members to the working group and who wish to do so to inform the Secretariat of their nominations;

22. *Requests* the working group to continue to implement the workplan for the biennium 2020–2021⁹ during the biennium 2022–2023;

23. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on progress in the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its thirteenth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

⁷ Decision BC-14/19, annex.

⁸ UNEP/CHW.14/INF/16/Rev.1, annex II.

⁹ Decision BC-14/19, annex.