

## BC-15/26: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism;
2. *Takes note* of the workplan for the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the *biennium 2022–2023*;<sup>1</sup>
3. *Requests* the *Secretariat*:
  - (a) To continue the work to implement the strategy of the joint clearing-house mechanism<sup>2</sup> in a gradual and cost-effective manner;
  - (b) To implement the maintenance activities outlined in section II.A of the workplan for the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2022–2023 mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present decision, in accordance with the programme of work and budget for the Convention, while prioritizing recurring activities, in particular with respect to the maintenance of existing systems;
  - (c) To implement, subject to the availability of resources, the activities outlined in section II.B of the workplan for the implementation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the biennium 2022–2023 mentioned in paragraph 2 of the present decision, in accordance with the programme of work and budget for the Convention for the biennium;
4. *Also requests* the *Secretariat*:
  - (a) To continue to enhance cooperation and coordination activities with existing partners in the area of information exchange, to explore possible cooperative activities with new partners, as appropriate, and to ensure complementarity with and avoid duplication of existing and future activities, tools and mechanisms;
  - (b) To continue its collaboration with the secretariat of the Minamata Convention on Mercury to exchange information and share experiences and best practices regarding the use of existing clearing-house mechanism systems;
5. *Invites* Parties and observers to participate, as appropriate, in the implementation and further development of the joint clearing-house mechanism strategy and in relevant activities of the workplan for the biennium 2022–2023, in accordance with the present decision;
6. *Requests* the *Secretariat* to keep the strategy under regular review in order to take into account lessons learned and relevant developments regarding the international agenda on the sound management of chemicals and waste.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.15/INF/46–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/30–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/50.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/47–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/33–UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/50.