

BC-15/27: Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

The Conference of the Parties

I¹

1. *Adopts* the forms to enable Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions to voluntarily provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of those conventions;²

2. *Encourages* Parties to provide information about cases of trade occurring in contravention of the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions using the forms mentioned in paragraph 1 of the present decision;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To collect information about confirmed cases by Parties concerned by illegal trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes occurring in contravention of the Convention submitted by Parties on a voluntary basis, notify the Parties concerned in advance, and make such information available on the website of the Convention;

(b) To review existing cooperative arrangements with international organizations or entities with a mandate to prevent and combat illegal trade in hazardous chemicals under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and to prepare, subject to the availability of resources, a report, including recommendations on strengthening such arrangements, taking into account relevant experience with the Basel Convention, for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

II³

4. *Reminds* Parties to the Basel Convention to report cases of illegal traffic to the Secretariat using the prescribed form for confirmed cases of illegal traffic⁴ or through table 9 of the format for national reporting for cases of illegal traffic that have been closed in the reporting year;

III

5. *Recalls* decisions BC-14/24, RC-9/12 and SC-9/22, on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, in particular paragraph 2 of those decisions,

6. *Invites* Parties to provide best practices for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, including the texts of any measures that have been adopted by them for that purpose;

7. *Takes note* of the report, including recommendations, on opportunities for strengthened cooperation among organizations with relevant mandates and activities aimed at preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes;⁵

8. *Encourages* the member organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals,⁶ the Basel Convention and Stockholm Convention regional

¹ This section is only relevant for the decisions adopted by the conferences of the Parties to the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

² UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/32–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/52.

³ This section is only relevant for the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.

⁴ See www.basel.int/Procedures/ReportingonIllegalTraffic/tabid/1544/Default.aspx.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.15/INF/48–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.10/INF/33–UNEP/POPS/COP.10/INF/53.

⁶ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Labour Organization; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Industrial Development

centres, the International Criminal Police Organization, the World Customs Organization and relevant global and regional enforcement networks to undertake activities aimed at assisting Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, and to inform the Secretariat thereof;

9. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to provide advice and, subject to the availability of resources, undertake technical assistance activities to strengthen the capacity of Parties to prevent and combat illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;

(b) To collect best practices from Parties for preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes covered by the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and to present a compilation thereof and lessons learned therefrom for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting;

(c) To provide Parties, upon request, with assistance in identifying cases of illegal trade in hazardous chemicals;

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