

## **OEWG-IV/3: Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2005–2006**

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Aware* that the funds available to carry out activities listed in the work programme are limited,

*Recognizes* the need to prioritize its activities in the present biennium,

1. *Agrees* to the prioritization of the work programme for the Open-ended Working Group for 2005–2006 as set out in the annex to the present decision and agrees that the work of developing a set of indicators as mentioned in decision VII/35 is of low priority;

2. *Encourages* Parties and others to contribute financially and in kind to the implementation of the work programme for 2005–2006 and projects carried out under the Convention;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to facilitate the implementation of the work programme adopted by the Open-ended Working Group within the budgetary limits and available financial resources;

4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to report to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth meeting on any new developments with regard to the items identified as low priority with a view to seeking its guidance on the way forward for these issues.

### **Annex**

#### **Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2005–2006**

##### **I. Technical and capacity-building**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting</b>	<b>Priority level</b>
A. Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention (to 2010)	Provide guidance on the implementation of the Strategic Plan	VII/1, VII/2, VII/5, VII/6, VII/7, VII/8	High
B. Work on harmonization and coordination	1. Revise the forms for the notification and movement documents and related instructions	VII/22	High
	2. Keep under review work under way in intergovernmental forums, including the working relationship with the United Nations Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System	VII/38	Medium
C. Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the World Customs Organization (WCO)	Continue work on the separate identification in the WCO Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of certain wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX	VII/38	Medium

D. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	1. Classification:		
	(a) Review or adjustment of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX		High <sup>1</sup>
	(b) Consider issues related to the questionnaire concerning the national classification and control procedures for the import of wastes in Annex IX	VII/20	Medium
	2. Complete the work on hazard characteristic H10	VII/17	Low
	3. Elaborate on the guidance document on hazard characteristic H11 to include work on an appropriate de minimis level	VII/17	Medium
	4. Review scientific information on the disposal of PVC wastes	VII/18	Low
E. Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management	1. Complete technical guidelines on:		
	(a) Environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, namely, PCDDs and PCDFs, DDT, HCB, and the eight pesticides aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, HCB, heptachlor, mirex and toxaphene	VII/13	High
	(b) Waste resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17)	VII/15	Low
	2. Work further on the methodology for further definition of low persistent organic pollutant content and levels of destruction and irreversible transformation	VII/13	High
	3. Review and update the general technical guidelines and the guidelines on PCBs, PCTs and PBBs, if appropriate	VII/13	High
	4. Undertake a review of selected technical guidelines as appropriate and initiate updating as necessary, e.g., incineration on land (D10), specially engineered landfill (D5), and wastes collected from households (Y46)		High <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dependent upon the existence of a proposal by a Party.

<sup>2</sup> Dependent upon offers to serve as lead country. The technical guidelines on used tyres were also mentioned by some Parties as an example for review, but would also require a lead country.

	5. Assess the implementation of existing technical guidelines with a view to identifying practical difficulties and obstacles to their effective implementation	VII/16	Medium
F. Basel Convention regional centres	1. Provide guidance, as necessary, to the centres  2. Provide guidance on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the business plans of the centres, at the regional level	VII/9, VII/1	High  High
G. Dismantling of ships	Consider practical and technical aspects of the work undertaken by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the joint IMO/International Labour Organization/Basel Convention working group, and information on the abandonment of ships	VII/25, VII/26, VII/27	High
H. Reporting	Consider reporting schemes and reports submitted by Parties, as necessary, in accordance with the requirements of article 13	VII/35	High

## II. Legal and compliance

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting	Priority level
A. Prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic	1. Review and, if necessary, update the guidance elements based on practical experience	VII/34	Medium
	2. Finalize the training manual for the enforcement of laws implementing the Basel Convention	VII/34	High
	3. Provide guidance to the Secretariat as necessary		Low
B. Protocol on Liability and Compensation	1. Analyse, based on a compilation of submissions from Parties, the obstacles and difficulties faced by the Parties in their process of ratification of or accession to the Protocol	VII/28	Medium
	2. Finalize the instruction manual	VII/28	High
	3. Undertake any other necessary tasks related to the preparation of the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol		Low
C. Emergency mechanism and enlargement of the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund	Provide guidance as necessary on improvement of operations		Low
D. Dismantling of ships	Complete the analysis of the legal aspects of the dismantling of ships	VII/26	High

## III. Partnership and resource mobilization

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting	Priority level
A. Partnership Programme	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on the implementation of the Partnership Programme	VII/3, VII/4	High
	2. Consider outcomes of the programme	VII/3, VII/4	High
B. Resource mobilization	Provide guidance to the Secretariat regarding resource mobilization	Para. 140 of the report	High

#### **IV. General**

<b>Tasks</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Decisions of the Conf. of the Parties at its seventh meeting</b>	<b>Priority level</b>
A. Budget and financial matters	Consider matters related to the budget of the Convention and related financial matters	VII/40, VII/41	High
B. Draft decisions for the Conference of the Parties	Prepare draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties		High