

VII/29. Interim guidelines for the implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision V/32 concerning the enlargement, on an interim basis, of the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund,

Recalling also decision VI/14 concerning the interim guidelines for the implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention, and, in particular, that Parties and the Secretariat are to keep under review the possibilities for improving the existing mechanism or, if necessary, the establishment of a new mechanism for providing assistance in cases of emergency and compensation for damage resulting from incidents arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal, as provided for and adopted in paragraph 4 of decision VI/14,

Referring to decision V/29 on the adoption of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and, in particular, article 15, paragraph 1, of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation,

Referring to decision VI/41 on financial matters,

Taking note of article 15, paragraph 2, of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation,

Observing that requests for emergency assistance under paragraph 2 of decision V/32 and part 1 of the interim guidelines for the implementation of decision V/32 have not been submitted by Parties,

1. *Invites* developing countries and countries with economies in transition that are Parties to the Basel Convention to submit project proposals pursuant to part 3 of the interim guidelines for the implementation of decision V/32, for the development of capacity-building, transfer of technology and putting in place of measures to prevent accidents and damage to the environment caused by transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal, including for the development of emergency response and contingency plans;

2. *Urges* Parties to provide contributions to the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund to support the activities referred to in parts 1, 2 and 3 of the interim guidelines and agrees that a contributor may specify that its contributions be used for purposes specified in parts 1, 2 or 3 of the interim guidelines;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue collating information related to incidents, as defined under article 2, paragraph 2 (h), of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation, specifically:

(a) The number of incidents arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal;

(b) With regard to each incident, the extent to which damage was not compensated by the existing mechanism for providing assistance in cases of emergency and compensation for damage resulting from incidents arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal.