

The Open-ended Working Group,

Referring to decision VI/19 regarding the questionnaire concerning the national classification and control procedures for the import of wastes contained in Annex IX to the Basel Convention adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting,

Welcoming the replies provided by Parties to that questionnaire,

Noting that the information collected through the questionnaire would assist the secretariat also to make information available to the Parties pursuant to article 3 of the Convention,

Reiterating that the exercise of replying to the questionnaire is voluntary,

Noting that the purpose of filling in the questionnaire by Parties and Signatories is sharing information,

Recognizing the obligations of Parties under other regional conventions or protocols concerning or related to transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes, such as the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes within Africa,

1. Invites those Parties and Signatories that have not provided information to fill in the available questionnaire and return it to the secretariat, preferably before 31 July 2003;
2. Requests the secretariat to provide further explanations to Parties and Signatories in order to improve the replies;
3. Also requests the secretariat to clarify with the Party or signatory concerned any inconsistencies within their replies to the questionnaire;
4. Encourages Parties to fill out their replies to the questionnaire as completely as is feasible, in line with decision VI/19;
5. Requests the secretariat to prepare and submit to the Open-ended Working Group at its second session a consolidated compilation of the replies received and to be submitted.