

OEWG-I/7 Finalization of work on the hazardous characteristics H6.2, H10, H11 and H13; and initiation of work on the other hazardous characteristics of Annex III

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling decision VI/37 insofar as it refers to the work on hazardous characteristics H6.2, H10, H11 and H13,

Noting that the Open-ended Working Group was requested by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting by that same decision to continue its work on the hazardous characteristics H6.2, H10, H11 and H13,

Recognizing the usefulness of developing practical guidance on all Annex III hazardous characteristics to assist Parties and other stakeholders to implement the Basel Convention effectively,

H6.2

1. Invites the small intersessional working group to continue providing guidance to the delegation of the United Kingdom in completing work on characteristic H6.2;
2. Encourages the delegation of the United Kingdom, with the support of the small intersessional working group and other Parties and stakeholders, to finalize the paper on the hazardous characteristic H6.2 for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its third session and submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
3. Invites Parties and other stakeholders to provide comments to the United Kingdom, with copy to the secretariat, by 30 September 2003, to enable the delegation of the United Kingdom to finalize the paper on hazardous characteristic H6.2;

H10

4. Also invites Parties and others to provide comments to the delegation of the Netherlands, with copy to the secretariat, by 31 October 2003 to enable the delegation of the Netherlands to prepare a consolidated revised version of the draft paper on the hazardous characteristic H10 for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its third session and submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;

H11

5. Further invites Parties and others to provide comments to the delegation of the United States of America, with a copy to the secretariat, by 30 September 2003 on the hazardous characteristic H11;
6. Requests the secretariat to prepare a consolidated paper on the hazardous characteristic H11 for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its third session and submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;

H13

7. Invites Parties and others to provide the secretariat with comments by 30 September 2003 on the hazardous characteristic H13;
8. Requests the secretariat to continue to work on the elaboration of the assessment procedure for leachate and to gather additional information about practical experience and suggestions for potential worst-case scenarios for other materials;

9. Further requests the secretariat to prepare a consolidated revised version of the paper on the hazardous characteristic H13 for submission to the Open-ended Working Group at its third session and for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;

Initiation of work on hazardous characteristics not yet covered

10. Invites Parties and others to contribute technically and financially to the initiation of work on other Basel Convention Annex III hazardous characteristics ;

Communication

11. Requests the secretariat to display the ongoing or planned work on hazardous characteristics on the Basel Convention web site to enable Parties and others to review progress, exchange views and provide comments on a regular basis.