

Training and seminars related to the Basel Convention

The Conference,

Recalling decision I/20 adopted by the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in which it requested the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and, as appropriate, in cooperation with other units in UNEP and other relevant international organizations, to organize national and regional seminars or workshops and training programmes on the implementation of the Basel Convention and the environmentally sound management of wastes and hazardous wastes; help promote the adoption of cleaner production methods and new low-waste technologies; and invited Parties to contribute technically and financially towards the organization of seminars, workshops and training programmes and towards covering the cost of participation of developing country representatives,

Recognizing the need of developing countries, Parties to the Convention, for assistance through training activities to facilitate the implementation of the Basel Convention,

Having considered the report of the Secretariat on implementation of decision I/20 (UNEP/CHW.2/20),

1. Requests the Secretariat, within available resources, to assist Parties and regions to develop training programmes, including curricula at national level in collaboration with national authorities, and continue to organize national and regional seminars or workshops and training programmes and curricula on the implementation of the Basel Convention and the environmentally sound management of wastes and hazardous wastes;

2. Further requests the Secretariat to promote the adoption of cleaner production methods and new low-waste technologies, in collaboration with relevant units in UNEP and other relevant international organizations, in particular with the Industry and Environment Programme Activity Centre of UNEP and UNITAR;

3. Also requests the Secretariat to continue promoting the environmentally sound management of wastes subject to the Basel Convention and to promote public awareness through participation in related international conferences, symposiums and seminars in order to make presentations and give lectures and to publish the newsletter and publications in this field;

4. Invites all Parties who are in position to do so to contribute technically, through, for example, contributions in kind of resource persons, and financially towards the organization of seminars, workshops and training programmes and towards covering the costs of participation of developing country representatives.