

BC-13/12: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment;¹
2. *Recalls* decision BC-11/15, by which it adopted sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;
3. *Mindful* of the fact that section 3 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment refers to the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention,² which were adopted on an interim basis by decision BC-12/5, and mindful of the fact that further work is required on the outstanding issues referred to in decision BC-13/5 on the technical guidelines referred to above;
4. *Adopts*, on an interim basis, without prejudice to national legislation, section 3 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment and the proposed additional changes to ensure consistency of the text throughout the guidance document³ and decides to withdraw the guidance on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life computing equipment;⁴
5. *Invites* Parties and signatories to use the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, as revised to include section 3 and the additional changes referred to in paragraph 4 above,⁵ and the guidelines, manual and reports produced by the Partnership Working Group;
6. *Decides* that the Partnership Working Group has successfully completed its mandate and is hereby disbanded and that any follow-up tasks that may be required in the future will be carried out by the Secretariat, with the participation of interested Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;
7. *Takes note* of the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment;⁶
8. *Invites* interested Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres:
 - (a) To take the lead in the implementation of activities listed in the work programme set out in the concept note referred to in paragraph 7 above and, based on the work undertaken, to propose further development of the concept for a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment at the regional or international level, as the need arises;
 - (b) To report, through the Secretariat, on the implementation of paragraph 8 (a) above to the Open-ended Working Group at its eleventh meeting and the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;
9. *Encourages* Parties and other stakeholders to make financial and in-kind contributions to support the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in their efforts to implement the activities identified in paragraph 8 (a) above.

¹ UNEP/CHW.13/13.

² UNEP/CHW.12/5/Add.1/Rev.1.

³ UNEP/CHW.13/13/Add.1, annex.

⁴ <http://www.basel.int/Portals/4/download.aspx?d=UNEP-CHW-PART-GUID-PACE-TransboundaryMovement-20110131.English.pdf>.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/31/Rev.1, annex I.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/31/Rev.1, annex II.