

IX/8: Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions VI/31, VII/4 and VIII/6,

Noting the report on progress made by the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative, as presented by the Chair of the Mobile Phone Working Group established by decision VI/31 of the Conference of the Parties,¹

Also noting with appreciation the financial and in-kind contributions made towards the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative by Parties, in particular by Switzerland, and by signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders,

Further noting the significant efforts made by Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to prepare project guidelines and an overall guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,

Recognizing the significant role of the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative as a public-private partnership within the framework of the Basel Convention in reaching successful outputs on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,

Noting the compilation of comments received concerning the paper on issues raised during the discussion of the guideline on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life mobile phones, as presented by the Secretariat,²

1. *Adopts*, without prejudice to national legislation, sections 1–3 and 5 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,³ as a voluntary document, and takes note of the recommendations set forth therein;

2. *Invites* Parties, signatories and other interested stakeholders to submit comments on section 4⁴ as amended⁵ to the Secretariat;

3. *Invites* Parties and signatories to use and continue to test the guidance document and the five guidelines produced by the project groups under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative;

4. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to continue to review the guidance document further, based on Parties' experience and needs;

5. *Also requests* the Open-ended Working Group to review the issues raised during the discussion of the guideline on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life mobile phones;⁶

6. *Decides* that the Mobile Phone Working Group has successfully completed its mandate, as outlined in decision VI/31 and its appendix, and is hereby disbanded. Any follow-up tasks that may be required will be carried out by an ad hoc follow-up group, with the participation of interested Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;

7. *Encourages* the follow-up group to complete any outstanding tasks and revise the guidance document based on the results of evaluation studies and any additional information provided;

¹ UNEP/CHW.9/INF/16.

² UNEP/CHW.9/INF/13.

³ UNEP/CHW.8/2/Add.3*, annex.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.9/11*.

⁶ UNEP/CHW.8/INF/6, annex, appendix 1.

8. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document and guidelines approved by the Mobile Phone Working Group and to initiate training and outreach workshops, subject to availability of funding;

9. *Invites* developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the activities of the follow-up group;

10. *Encourages* Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to make financial or in-kind contributions or both:

(a) To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(b) To facilitate the implementation of pilot projects on collection and treatment schemes;

(c) To initiate and facilitate training and outreach workshops.