

Decision III/26

Cooperation with UN bodies, specialized agencies and regional systems and organizations

The Conference,

Referring to decision II/23 of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties, wishes to:

1. Request SBC to continue its cooperation with the following organizations in order to pursue the fulfilment of the objectives and obligations of the Convention, in particular:

United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, namely: UNCETDG, UN-CHS (Habitat), UNCTAD, UN-DHA, UN-DPCSD, UNDP, ILZSG, UNEP, UNITAR, UN Regional Commissions (ECA; ECE; ECLAC; ESCAP; ESCWA), the World Bank and FAO, IAEA, ILO, IMO, PAHO, UNIDO and WHO;

Other intergovernmental organizations such as CARICOM, CEPIS, the Commonwealth, CPPS, Interpol, IOPC Fund, NATO, OAU, OECD, ROPME, SPF, SPREP and WCO; Political and/or economic integration organizations such as the European Community.

i) with UN-CETDG and UN-ECE on matters concerning recommendations, rules and regulations governing the transport of hazardous wastes and on harmonization of criteria for environmentally hazardous substances including waste, in the area of the hazard characterization of wastes subject to the Basel Convention and on the work of UN-ECE/EUROSTAT developing standard terminology for waste and recycling;

ii) with FAO and UNIDO, and in cooperation with UNEP/IRPTC, on the environmentally sound disposal of obsolete and unwanted pesticides stock in developing countries;

iii) with ILO on exchange of information on cleaner production issues as a means to minimize hazardous wastes arising and consequences for occupational health and safety;

iv) with WHO in the preparation of Technical Guidelines for clinical wastes (Y1) as recommended by the Technical Working Group, in the development of training programmes concerning or related to the effects of hazardous wastes on health and in the establishment of regional or sub-regional centres for training and technology transfer;

v) with OECD in the work of its Waste Management Policy Group in particular regarding separate identification of hazardous wastes in the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes destined for recovery operations, training and waste minimization. In the preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes subject to the Basel Convention and the establishment of regional centres for training and technology transfer;

vi) with WCO in cooperation with OECD and the EC, in the separate identification of wastes subject to the Convention in the Harmonized System, with the WCO and its Contracting Parties to accelerate its work on the inclusion into the Harmonized System of the WCO of the entries for hazardous wastes covered by the Basel Convention and to accelerate its work on the modalities of this inclusion;

vii) with the EC on the preparation of technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes subject to the Basel Convention, on the separate identification of wastes covered by the Convention in the Harmonized System and on hazard characterization of wastes within the framework of the Convention;

viii) with ICC, BIAC and other private sector and business organizations in the area of hazard characterization of the wastes subject to the Convention, on the preparation of technical guidelines, on the development of the Protocol on Liability and Compensation, and on the establishment of regional centres for training and technology transfer.

2. Appeal to the United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and organizations and other international and regional organizations to consider joint collaboration including financing projects with the SBC for the implementation of the Basel Convention, to provide resource persons for training courses or technical assistance missions organized through the SBC and to keep SBC informed about hazardous waste related activities organized by them such as training courses in order to forward such information to the Parties of the Basel Convention.