

V/26. Work programme of the Technical Working Group

The Conference

---

5/ See attached Annex III to the report on the work of the Technical Working Group - UNEP/CHW.5/19

/...

1. Commends Parties, in particular Australia, Germany, India and the Netherlands, for taking the lead in the preparation of technical guidelines and encourages other Parties to assist in that work;

2. Adopts the programme of work of the Technical Working Group, as contained in the annex to the present decision;

3. Takes note of the considerable progress made with regard to the preparation of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of biomedical and health-care wastes and further encourages Parties to finalize the guidelines for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;

4. Extends the mandate of the Technical Working Group to carry out the tasks contained in its work programme and invites Parties to continue providing technical and financial assistance to enable the Technical Working Group to fulfil its tasks;

5. Requests the Technical Working Group, at its next session, to arrange its work programme taking into account the priorities identified by the Parties;

6. Further adopts:

(a) The Technical Guidelines on Physico-Chemical Treatment (D9) and Biological Treatment (D8);

(b) The Technical Guidelines on the Identification and Management of Used Tyres;

7. Requests the secretariat to keep Parties and others informed, on a regular basis, of the work accomplished by the Technical Working Group.

/...

Annex

## WORK PROGRAMME OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

Tasks	Activities
<p>I. Classification and hazard characterization of waste</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classification               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Review of applications</li> <li>(b) Review of status of wastes on list C</li> <li>(c) Review or adjustment of lists of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX</li> <li>(d) Preparation of elements of an information paper on the purpose of Annex IX</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Hazard characterization               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Finalization of work on the hazard characteristics H6.2; H11; H12 and H13</li> <li>(b) Initiation of work on the hazard characteristic H10</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Review of available and forthcoming scientific information concerning the evaluation of the potential environmental health effects of the disposal of PVC wastes and PVC-coated cables.</li> <li>4. Initiation of work on:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Implementation of a work programme on dioxins and dibenzofurans</li> <li>(b) Classification of waste pesticides destined for reformulation, together with details of recovery operations of concern</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p>II. Technical guidelines</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finalization of the technical guidelines on environmentally sound management of biomedical and health-care waste.</li> <li>2. Finalization of the technical guidelines for the identification and environmentally sound management of plastic waste and for its disposal.</li> <li>3. Preparation of the following technical guidelines on:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Waste batteries;</li> <li>(b) Monitoring and closure plans for the facilities (guidance to operators);</li> <li>(c) Recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4);</li> <li>(d) Wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17).</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Consideration of the further preparation of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants.</li> </ol>
<p>III. Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of the World Customs Organization (WCO)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Initiate work, through the secretariat, with WCO on the issue of correlation of the lists of wastes of the Basel Convention with the HS codes. The secretariat to liaise with UNCETDG, IMO and OECD on this matter.</li> <li>2. Propose a framework and action for ensuring proper reflection of the wastes covered by the Basel Convention in the HS.</li> </ol>

/ . . .

Tasks		Activities
IV.	Annex II of the Basel Convention	Initiate work on the scope of Annex II.
V.	Decision IV/8 regarding Annex VII	In cooperation with the Legal Working Group, further explore issues relating to Annex VII and provide Parties with a detailed and documented analysis that would highlight issues related to Annex VII
VI.	Cooperation with UNEP Chemicals and relevant organizations	<p>Prior informed consent (PIC) for hazardous chemicals (Rotterdam Convention) and persistent organic pollutants (POPs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Issue guidance notes or materials as necessary to the organizations responsible for the Rotterdam Convention and POPs on the classification and hazard characterization of wastes within the framework of the Basel Convention;</li> <li>(b) Provide technical guidance to the secretariat of the Basel Convention on matters pertaining to coordination among intergovernmental bodies responsible or involved in developing a legally binding instrument for POPs, to ensure that there is no overlap with or gaps between this instrument and the Basel Convention;</li> <li>(c) Consider the issue of the stockpiling for the purpose of disposal/destruction, or for recycling.</li> </ul>
VII.	Work on harmonization	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harmonization of lists of wastes and related procedures concerning transboundary movements of wastes and hazardous wastes at the world level. Provide guidance to the secretariat of the Basel Convention on technical implications and modalities required to aim at achieving compatibility among the different international and regional systems dealing with the control of transboundary movements of wastes and hazardous wastes. The secretariat of the Basel Convention to cooperate closely with OECD on this matter.</li> <li>2. Keep under review work under way at intergovernmental forums (e.g., UNCETDG, ILO, OECD) on the global harmonization of systems of classification and labelling of chemicals.</li> </ol>
VIII.	Dismantling of ships	Preparation of guidelines for the environmentally sound management of full or partial dismantling of ships in close collaboration with IMO.
IX.	Other tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regional centres for training and technology transfer: provision of technical input or guidance to assist in the establishment and operation of the regional centres.</li> <li>2. Recovery, hazardous wastes minimization and cleaner production: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Continue with the work of selecting hazardous waste susceptible to cleaner production approaches within the framework of the Basel Convention;</li> <li>(b) Further initiate case studies on recovery of hazardous waste and assessment of recovery facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>