

BILATERAL, MULTILATERAL AND REGIONAL AGREEMENTS

The Conference,

Recalling that Article 11 of the Basel Convention permits Parties to enter into bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements regarding the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes or other wastes with Parties or non-Parties provided that such agreements or arrangements do not derogate from the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes as required by the Basel Convention and that these agreements or arrangements shall stipulate provisions which are not less environmentally sound than those provided for by the Convention, in particular taking into account the interest of developing countries,

Having considered document UNEP/CHW.1/16,

1. Requests the Parties to the Basel Convention to notify the Secretariat of the Basel Convention expeditiously of any bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements they conclude in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Convention;
2. Also requests its open-ended ad hoc committee to examine the bilateral, multilateral and regional agreements or arrangements communicated to the Secretariat and to present a report on their conformity with the stipulations of Article 11 of the Convention to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
