

OEWG-VI/20: Environmentally sound management of mercury wastes

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Welcomes and encourages* the collaboration between the Secretariat and the Chemicals Branch of the United Nations Environment Programme's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics and the contribution and support of Parties and other stakeholders to the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes;
2. *Takes note* of the draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes;¹
3. *Encourages* Parties and others to contribute to the further development of the draft technical guidelines;
4. *Agrees* that at its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties should consider whether further development of the draft technical guidelines should be included in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the next budget cycle;
5. *Encourages* the further development of the capacity-building and technical assistance programme to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury waste that is being prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with decision VIII/33 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;
6. *Invites* donors and partners to contribute financially and technically to the capacity-building and technical assistance programme to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury wastes;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on progress in the development of the draft technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes and the capacity-building and technical assistance programme to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury wastes.

¹ UNEP/CHW/OEWG/6/INF/16