

VII/12. Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2005–2006

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision VI/37 on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group,

Aware that the funds available to carry out the activities listed in the work programme are limited,

Mindful of the need to develop a work programme that facilitates synergies among programme activities,

Mindful also of the development of the Basel Convention Partnership Programme,

1. *Adopts* the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2005–2006 contained in the annex to the present decision;

2. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group at its fourth session to arrange its activities.

Annex

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group (2005–2006)

I. Technical and capacity-building

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting
A. Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention (to 2010)	Provide guidance on the implementation of the Strategic Plan.	VII/1, VII/2, VII/5, VII/6, VII/7, VII/8
B. Work on harmonization and coordination	<p>1. Revise the forms for notification and movement documents and related instructions.</p> <p>2. Keep under review work under way in intergovernmental forums, including the working relationship with the United Nations Sub-Committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System.</p>	VII/38
C. Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of the World Customs Organization (WCO)	Continue work on the separate identification in the WCO/HS of certain wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX.	VII/38
D. Classification and hazard characterization of wastes	<p>1. Classification:</p> <p>a) Review or adjustment of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX;</p> <p>b) Consider issues related to the questionnaire concerning the national classification and control procedures for the import of wastes in Annex IX.</p> <p>2. Complete the work on hazard characteristic H10.</p> <p>3. Elaborate on the guidance document on hazard characteristic H11 to include work on an appropriate de minimis level.</p> <p>4. Review scientific information on the disposal of PVC wastes.</p>	<p>VII/19</p> <p>VII/20</p> <p>VII/17</p> <p>VII/17</p> <p>VII/18</p>
E. Technical guidelines on environmentally sound management	<p>1. Complete technical guidelines on:</p> <p>a) The environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, namely, PCDDs and PCDFs, DDT, HCB, and the eight pesticides</p>	VII/13, VII/16

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	<p>aldrin, chlordane, dieldrin, endrin, HCB, heptachlor, mirex and toxaphene;</p> <p>b) Waste resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17).</p> <p>2. Work further on the methodology for further definition of low persistent organic pollutant content and levels of destruction and irreversible transformation.</p> <p>3. Review and update the general technical guidelines and the guidelines on PCBs, PCTs and PBBs, if appropriate.</p> <p>4. Undertake a review of selected technical guidelines as appropriate and initiate updating as necessary, e.g., incineration on land (D10), specially engineered landfill (D5), and wastes collected from households (Y46).</p> <p>5. Assess the implementation of existing technical guidelines with a view to identifying practical difficulties and obstacles to their effective implementation.</p>	
F. Basel Convention regional centres	<p>1. Provide guidance, as necessary, to the centres.</p> <p>2. Provide guidance on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, including the business plans of the centres, at the regional level.</p>	VII/9, VII/1
G. Dismantling of ships	Consider practical and technical aspects of the work undertaken by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the joint IMO/International Labour Organization/Basel Convention working group, and information on the abandonment of ships.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
H. Reporting	Consider reporting schemes and reports submitted by Parties, as necessary, in accordance with the requirements of article 13.	<i>[To be completed]</i>

II. Legal and compliance

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting
A. Prevention and monitoring of illegal traffic	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review and, if necessary, update the guidance elements based on practical experience.2. Finalize the training manual for the enforcement of laws implementing the Basel Convention.3. Provide guidance to the Secretariat as necessary.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
B. Protocol on Liability and Compensation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Analyse, based on a compilation of submissions from Parties, the obstacles and difficulties faced by the Parties in their process of ratification of or accession to the Protocol.2. Finalize the instruction manual.3. Undertake any other necessary tasks related to the preparation of the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
C. Emergency mechanism and enlargement of the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund	Provide guidance as necessary on improvement of operations.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
D. Dismantling of ships	Complete the analysis of the legal aspects of the dismantling of ships.	<i>[To be completed]</i>

III. Partnership and resource mobilization

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting
A. Partnership Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat on the implementation of the Partnership Programme.2. Consider outcomes of the programme.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
B. Resource mobilization	Provide guidance to the Secretariat regarding resource mobilization.	

IV. General

Tasks	Activities	Decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting
A. Budget and financial matters	Consider matters related to the budget of the Convention and related financial matters.	<i>[To be completed]</i>
D. Draft decisions for the Conference of the Parties	Prepare draft decisions for the consideration of the Conference of the Parties.	<i>[To be completed]</i>