

BC-10/20: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions VI/32, VII/3, VIII/2, VIII/5 and IX/9,

Having regard to the Basel Declaration on Environmentally Sound Management¹ and the Nairobi Declaration on the Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste,²

Welcoming the work of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment Working Group and its project groups,

Taking note of the report on progress made by the Partnership, as presented by the co-chairs of the Partnership Working Group,³

Noting with appreciation the financial and in kind contributions made to the Partnership by parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders,

Recognizing the significant role of the Partnership as a public-private partnership within the framework of the Basel Convention in producing successful material on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment,

1. *Adopts*, without prejudice to national legislation, sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment⁴ and takes note of the recommendations set forth therein;

2. *Welcomes* and recognizes section 3 of the guidance document dealing with transboundary movements and agrees that relevant work of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, including section 3 of the guidance document, should be taken into account in the further development of the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste (e-waste), in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste;

3. *Agrees* that section 3 of the guidance document may be revised after the adoption of the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of e-waste, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste, in order to make any necessary revisions to avoid duplications and discrepancies;

4. *Encourages* the Partnership Working Group to revise the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment based on the results of evaluation studies and any additional information provided, and to submit it to the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its eighth session;

5. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to submit the revised guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting for consideration and adoption;

6. *Agrees* to extend the mandate of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment until the end of 2013 to complete the work programme as set out in the annex to the present decision;

7. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document and guidelines approved by the Partnership and to continue to hold training and outreach workshops, subject to the availability of funding;

1 UNEP/CHW.5/29, annex I, decision V/1.

2 UNEP/CHW.8/16, annex IV.

3 UNEP/CHW.10/INF/21.

4 UNEP/CHW.10/20, annex.

8. *Invites* additional parties, signatories and stakeholders, including manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academic institutions and non-governmental organizations, in particular from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, to participate in the activities of the Partnership Working Group;

9. *Invites* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to participate in the implementation of pilot projects on the collection and management of used computing equipment by informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, subject to availability of funding;

10. *Encourages* parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to make financial or in kind contributions or both:

(a) To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the Partnership;

(b) To facilitate the implementation of pilot projects on the collection and management of end-of-life computing equipment from informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(c) To facilitate the evaluation of guidelines, and to complete revisions to guidelines and the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue to facilitate and provide expertise to the Partnership;

(b) To report on progress in the activities undertaken by the Partnership to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session and to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.

Annex to decision BC-10/20

Partnership work programme for 2012–2013

The following tasks are to be undertaken by the Partnership Working Group:

(a) Complete an evaluation of the guideline on environmentally sound testing, refurbishment and repair of used computing equipment and the guideline on environmentally sound material recovery and recycling of end-of-life computing equipment;

(b) Revise the two guidelines based on the results of evaluation studies;

(c) Revise the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment based on changes to summaries and recommendations made in the guidelines and any additional information provided;

(d) Continue to hold training workshops on the guidance document and the guidelines in the regions;

(e) Continue pilot projects on the environmentally sound collection and management of used and end-of-life computing equipment in the formal and informal sectors in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(f) Develop plans for the financial sustainability of pilot projects and resource mobilization for future projects;

(g) Develop strategies on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;

(h) Enhance awareness-raising and training on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, including on the guidance document and the guidelines;

(i) Identify actions and incentives that can be taken to promote environmentally sound reuse, refurbishment, repair, recycling and material recovery in

respect of used and end-of life computing equipment through the implementation of the Partnership guidelines and existing certification schemes;

(j) Assess the possibility of using facility certification as a tool for assuring the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment.