

VIII/26: National legislation and other measures adopted by Parties to implement the Basel Convention

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Encourages* Parties to continue to provide the Secretariat with the texts of national legislation and other measures adopted by them to implement the Basel Convention and notes in that regard that under paragraph 4 of article 4 and paragraph 5 of article 9 of the Convention such measures include appropriate national and domestic legislation to prevent and punish illegal traffic;

2. *Urges* Parties to fulfil their obligations under paragraph 5 of article 9 of the Convention, in particular:

(a) To promulgate, update or develop stringent legislation on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes;

(b) To incorporate in their national legislation appropriate sanctions or penalties for illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes covered by the Basel Convention;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to maintain a collection of national legislation and other measures adopted by Parties to implement the Basel Convention, including measures to prevent and punish illegal traffic, and to make such measures available on the Convention website;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to availability of funding, to organize regional or subregional training workshops, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional centres, on the development and formulation of national legislation, taking into account the difficulties identified by Parties relating to the development of national legislation during the implementation of the 2005–2006 work programme of the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance;

5. *Urges* all Parties and organizations that are in a position to do so to make financial or in-kind contributions toward the organization of workshops on the development and formulation of national legislation;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to provide advice and assistance on national legislation to Parties upon request.