

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CENTRES FOR
TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

The Conference,

Recalling Article 14, paragraph 1, which requires cooperation in the establishment of regional or subregional centres for training and technology transfer regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation, according to the specific needs of different regions and subregions,

Also recalling Article 14, paragraph 1, which stipulates that parties shall decide on the establishment of appropriate funding mechanisms of a voluntary nature for the establishment of such regional or subregional centres,

Taking note of the interest expressed by a number of countries, in particular by Argentina, China, El Salvador, Jordan, Lebanon, Nigeria, Poland and Uruguay,

Also noting paragraph 28(a) of the report of the Technical Working Group (to prepare draft technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes subject to the Basel Convention - Geneva, 25-27 May 1992 - UNEP/CHW/WG.4/2/2) which referred to the urgent need to establish regional centres to ensure an early implementation of the Basel Convention in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention, and recommended to refer this issue to the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

1. Decides that one of the functions of the open-ended ad hoc committee of the Conference will be to identify the specific needs of different regions and subregions for training and technology transfer;
2. Requests its open-ended ad hoc committee to consider these expressions of interest further and to report to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties on ways and means for the establishment and functioning of such centres, taking into consideration ongoing or future activities of regional centres or organizations/systems, as well as for the establishment of appropriate funding mechanisms of a voluntary nature for the establishment of such centres.
