

ILLEGAL TRAFFIC IN HAZARDOUS WASTES

The Conference,

Expressing its concern at the problem of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes, in particular to developing countries,

Conscious of the negative consequences of the illegal traffic on human health and the environment,

Convinced that the prevention of illegal traffic requires close cooperation among States, with the support of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and all interested organizations,

1. Welcomes the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) joint project currently being implemented on monitoring and assessment of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes in that region;

2. Requests the Secretariat to present an analytical report on the results of the UNEP-ESCAP joint project to the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;
3. Also requests the Secretariat to cooperate with other regional commissions in order to achieve the goal of prevention of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes;
4. Urges the Parties to the Basel Convention that have not yet done so to promulgate laws that consider illegal traffic in hazardous wastes a criminal act;
5. Calls upon Parties in a position to do so to cooperate with the Secretariat to enable it to provide assistance to other Parties for the identification of cases of illegal traffic in accordance with Article 16, paragraph 1(i) of the Basel Convention;
6. Requests the open-ended ad hoc committee to study ways and means of enhancing the monitoring and prevention of illegal traffic in hazardous wastes and other wastes and to report its findings to the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting.