

## **BC-10/17: Environmentally sound dismantling of ships**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling its decision IX/30,*

### **I**

#### **Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships**

1. *Notes* that, while some parties believe that the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships provides an equivalent level of control and enforcement to that established under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, some parties do not believe this to be the case;
2. *Encourages* parties to ratify the Hong Kong Convention to enable its early entry into force;
3. *Acknowledges* that the Basel Convention should continue to assist countries to apply the Basel Convention as it relates to ships;

### **II**

#### **International cooperation and technical assistance activities on the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling**

4. *Underlines* the importance of continued inter-agency cooperation between the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention on issues related to ship dismantling, as appropriate;
5. *Welcomes* the development of implementation programmes relating to sustainable ship recycling;
6. *Calls upon* all parties and other stakeholders in a position to do so to make financial or in kind contributions to the implementation of activities under the relevant programmes relating to sustainable ship recycling;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funding, to continue its work and to develop further the programmes for sustainable ship recycling in conjunction with other bodies, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the International Labour Organization, and to report thereon to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session and to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
8. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue to follow developments in relation to the Hong Kong Convention, in particular the development of the guidelines in that regard, and to report thereon to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session and to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
9. *Further requests* the Secretariat to transmit the present decision to the International Maritime Organization for consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-third session.