

IV/21. Monitoring the implementation of and compliance with the obligations set out by the Basel Convention

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The Conference,

Recalling its decision III/11,

Taking note of the report presented by the Consultative Sub-group of Legal and Technical Experts at its second session in May 1997 on issues related to monitoring the implementation of and compliance with the obligations set out under the Basel Convention,

Welcoming the steps already taken by requesting information concerning aspects of implementation of the Basel Convention,

1. Requests the Consultative Sub-group to continue its step-by-step approach to examining the relevant issues related to the establishment of a mechanism or procedure for monitoring implementation of and compliance with the Basel Convention with a view to recommending, as soon as practicable, the best way to promote full implementation of the provisions of the Basel Convention, including whether or not such a mechanism or procedure would be required and, to the extent appropriate, what its design might be;

2. Further requests that the Consultative Sub-group examine the dispute settlement mechanism that exists under Article 20 of the Basel Convention, and consider whether it continues to meet the needs of the Parties to the Convention;

3. Requests that the Consultative Sub-group report its findings and recommendations to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.