

BC-11/5: Technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the relationship between the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Basel Convention, in particular regarding the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes;
2. *Decides* to include the updating of the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of elemental mercury and wastes containing or contaminated with mercury in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2014–2015;
3. *Invites* parties to consider serving as lead country for the updating of the technical guidelines and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so by 30 June 2013;
4. *Invites* parties and others to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group established by decision IX/15 and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations by 30 June 2013;
5. *Requests* the lead country or, if there is no lead country, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group and subject to the availability of funding, to prepare draft updated technical guidelines for publication on the Convention website by 31 December 2013;
6. *Invites* parties and others to submit comments on the draft updated technical guidelines to the lead country, if one is selected, and to the Secretariat, by 31 March 2014;
7. *Requests* the lead country or, if there is no lead country, the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group and subject to the availability of funding, to prepare revised draft updated technical guidelines, taking into account the comments referred to in paragraph 6 above, for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its ninth meeting;
8. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on the progress of work on the updating of the technical guidelines.