

The Conference

1. Takes note of the proposed activities to be carried out by the Technical Working Group over the period 1998-2000, as shown in the attached tables, and of the priorities identified by the Conference, namely, items I, II.1, II.3 (first bullet), IV and V;
2. Extends the mandate of the Technical Working Group to enable it to carry out these proposed activities and invites Parties and other States as well as relevant sectors of industry and business to provide financial resources or assistance in kind to support the work of the Technical Working Group and of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention in the fulfilment of these tasks;
3. Requests the Technical Working Group, at its next session, to arrange its work programme taking into account the priorities identified by the Conference;
4. Further requests the Technical Working Group to report to meetings of the extended Bureau, as appropriate, and, through the extended Bureau, to the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on progress made in the implementation of its work programme for 1998-2000.

TABLE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR
1998, 1999 AND 2000

TASKS	ACTIVITIES	YEAR (tentative)
I. Hazard characterization and classification of wastes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carry forward responsibility for assessing wastes placed on list C, and for taking charge of review or adjustment procedure for lists of wastes (A and B), including initiation of work on waste about which particular concerns were expressed <u>1/</u> 2. Prepare a work programme for advancing with work on hazard characteristics, in particular concerning the hazard classes H6.2, H10, H11, H12 and H13 3. Implement work programme on hazard characteristics, including work on dioxins and dibenzofurans 4. Elaborate guidance materials or technical guidelines to assist Parties and other States regarding the conclusion of bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements 5. Consider the classification of waste pesticides destined for reformulation together with details of recovery operations of concern 	<p>1998-2000</p> <p>1998</p> <p>1998-2000</p> <p>1998</p> <p>1999</p>
II. Technical Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree on final text for the technical guidelines on physico-chemical treatment (D9) and biological treatment (D8) 2. Prepare technical guidelines on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> " clinical waste (Y1) " disposal of waste tyres " waste batteries 3. Prepare technical guidelines on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> " recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4) " wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17) 	<p>1998</p> <p>1998</p> <p>1999-2000</p>
III. Recovery, hazardous waste minimization and cleaner production	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue with the work of selecting hazardous wastes susceptible to cleaner production approaches within the framework of the Basel Convention 2. Further initiate new case studies on recovery of hazardous wastes and assessment of recovery facilities 	

1. These wastes include wastes that are not easily identifiable in Annex I to the Basel Convention although the Technical Working Group expressed concerns as possibly presenting important hazard characteristics

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IV. Regional centres	1. Provide technical input or guidance to assist in the establishment and operation of regional centres for training and technology transfer regarding the management of hazardous wastes and the minimization of their generation	1998-2000
V. Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS)	1. Together with the World Customs Organization (WCO) and its Harmonize System Committee review the relationship between the lists of wastes (A and B) prepared by the Technical Working Group and the HS codes 2. Provide guidance to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on eventuality of making new proposals to WCO after December 1997 3. Elaborate a work plan concerning cooperation with WCO, in particular in (i) providing technical guidance to WCO on hazardous wastes; (ii) recommending ways for Parties to use HS codes for wastes before formal entry into force of the amended HS; and (iii) any other matter of importance	1998 1998 1998
VI. Application of prior informed consent (PIC) for hazardous chemicals and persistent organic chemicals (POPs)	1. Provide technical guidance to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on matters pertaining to coordination among inter-governmental bodies responsible or involved in developing legally binding instruments for hazardous chemicals to ensure there is no overlap with or gaps between these instruments and the Basel Convention 2. Issue guidance notes or materials as necessary to the organizations involved in PIC and POPs on the classification and hazard characterization of wastes within the framework of the Basel Convention	1998-2000
VII. Harmonization of lists of wastes and related procedures concerning their transboundary movements at the world level	1. Provide guidance to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the technical implications and modalities required to aim at achieving compatibility among the different international/regional systems dealing with the control of transboundary movements of wastes and hazardous wastes 2. Cooperate with OECD Pollution and Prevention Control Group and its Waste Management Policy Group on the matter of harmonization of the OECD and the Basel Convention control systems for wastes	1998-2000
VIII. Annex II of the Basel Convention	1. Initiate work on the scope of Annex II (re: to facilitate classification of post-consumer materials such as plastics and other similar wastes)	1998-1999
IX. Other		