

Responsibility of States for the implementation of the Basel  
Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements  
of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal

The Conference,

Recalling decision I/17 of the First Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, by which the Conference invited all States that had not done so to become party to the Basel Convention,

Also recalling that in the same decision States Parties to the Convention were invited to cooperate in developing cleaner production technologies and cleaner products which would lead to the reduction and, as far as practicable, the elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention was requested to facilitate cooperation between Parties to this effect,

Having considered the report prepared by the Secretariat contained in document UNEP/CHW.2/27,

1. Invites all States that have not done so to become Party to the Basel Convention;
2. Invites all Parties to the Convention who are currently using waste-minimization and cleaner production methods/technologies in their industrial processes to facilitate and cooperate in the transfer of such technologies to other interested Parties;
3. Appeals to all Parties who have not yet replied to the request from the Secretariat on initiatives taken by their respective Governments on cooperation on cleaner production technologies to do so at their earliest convenience to enable the Secretariat to circulate such information to all Parties to enable them to benefit from it;
4. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and, as appropriate, in cooperation with other units in UNEP, in particular the Industry and Environment Programme Activity Centre and other relevant United Nations organizations, to promote the development and adoption of cleaner production methods and new low-waste technologies leading to the reduction of the generation of hazardous wastes by undertaking, inter alia, the following activities:

(a) Through the Technical Working Group of the Basel Convention, identification of waste streams susceptible to cleaner production approaches;

(b) Identification of policy instruments which may promote improved waste minimization approaches at the national level, including estimation of incremental costs of implementing such policy instruments;

(c) Promotion of cleaner production through a more wide-ranging United Nations mechanism;

(d) In cooperation with other organizations, provision of printed material on cleaner production, including policy issues, to Parties, and organization of training courses and workshops on those issues;

(e) Provision of information exchange in technology assessment capacity;

(f) Mobilization of resources for cleaner production activities;

5. Invites Parties and other interested States and organizations through joint cooperation and other means, to contribute technically and financially towards the organization of workshops and seminars on the issue of waste- minimization and cleaner production methods and the introduction of proven and environmentally sound technologies for the disposal of hazardous wastes.