

# OEWG-11/13: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

## I

### Follow-up to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

*Recalling* that decision BC-13/12 on the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment invited interested Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to take the lead in the implementation of activities set out in the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment<sup>1</sup> and, on the basis of the work undertaken, to propose further development of the concept for a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment at the regional or international level,

*Acknowledging* the progress made by regional and coordinating centres in the implementation of the work programme set out in the above-mentioned concept note,

*Welcoming* the proposal by regional and coordinating centres to establish a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment at the international level,

1. *Invites* regional and coordinating centres to continue to implement the programme of work included in the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment;

2. *Welcomes* the establishment of an interim group on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, in the period between the eleventh meeting of the Open-ended Working Group and the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, led by the Basel Convention regional centres in South Africa, Argentina, Senegal and Slovakia;

3. *Invites* Parties, signatories and all stakeholders, manufacturers, recyclers, refurbishers, academia, non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations, including the former members of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, to engage in the work of the interim group;

4. *Takes note* of the fact that the interim group on a follow-up partnership intends to develop recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, including:

- (a) A concept note for a follow-up partnership;
- (b) Terms of reference for such a partnership;
- (c) A draft work plan for the biennium 2020–2021;

5. *Notes* that the interim group on a follow-up partnership intends to:

- (a) Identify, encourage and, if possible, facilitate balanced and diverse participation by private-sector and other stakeholders in a follow-up partnership;
- (b) Explore mechanisms for providing sustainable and predictable financial support for a follow-up partnership;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to facilitate the work of the interim group on a follow-up partnership, including through the provision of relevant information and data and the organization of consultations, preferably through electronic media;

7. *Requests* the interim group on a follow-up partnership to report, through the Secretariat, on progress to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.13/INF/31/Rev.1, annex II.

8. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to report to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting, through the Secretariat, on progress in the implementation of the work programme included in the concept note referred to in the first preambular paragraph of the present decision;

## **II**

### **Household waste partnership**

9. *Welcomes* the progress made by the household waste partnership working group on developing an overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste;<sup>2</sup>

10. *Invites* Parties and observers to provide comments on document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/33 to the Secretariat by 30 November 2018;

11. *Requests* the household waste partnership working group to consider revising the draft overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of household waste, taking into account the comments received according to paragraph 10 above, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;

## **III**

### **Further developing partnerships**

12. *Requests* the Secretariat to:

(a) Develop by 15 November 2018, subject to availability of resources and taking into account the experience of relevant United Nations bodies such as the Economic and Social Council, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and multilateral environmental agreements such as the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, a report evaluating past and ongoing partnerships, and setting out recommendations on opportunities to further develop partnerships under the Basel Convention and on opportunities for stakeholders that are observers to the Convention to contribute to the objectives of the Basel Convention through other means of programmatic cooperation, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting;

(b) Invite, by 15 January 2019, the views of Parties and observers on the report mentioned in paragraph 12 (a), for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.11/INF/33.