Decision I/12

MODEL NATIONAL LEGISLATION FOR THE TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTES

The Conference,

Recalling paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Basel Convention, which requests the Parties to take appropriate legal, administrative and other measures to implement and enforce the provisions of the Convention,

Convinced that an essential element of the fulfilment by the Parties of their obligations under the Convention is to promulgate new or adapt existing laws and regulations in accordance with the provisions of the Basel Convention.

Aware of the need of States to be assisted - upon request - in the formulation of their law and the development of institutional arrangements in the field of hazardous wastes, in particular in the implementation of the Basel Convention.

- 1. Takes note of the report of the meeting of experts on model national legislation contained in document UNEP/CHW.1/10 and of the elements of both the model law on the management of hazardous wastes and the model law on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal as reflected in Annexes I and II to that report;
- <u>Requests</u> the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to continue its work on development of the model national legislation, taking account of the experience of States,
- 3. <u>Urges</u> Parties which have not yet developed laws and regulations in conformity with the provisions of the Basel Convention to do so, taking into consideration the model laws referred to in paragraph 1;

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4. Requests the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to promote cooperation and assist Parties - upon request - in aligning their laws and regulations on the provisions of the Basel Convention.
