

V/27. Hazardous waste minimizationThe Conference

1. Welcomes the activities undertaken by the Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer in Bratislava on cleaner production and waste minimization and encourages other regional centres established under the Basel Convention to address this issue as one of their priorities;

2. Welcomes the work initiated between the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of the United Nations Environment Programme and the secretariat of the Basel Convention for the promotion of collaboration on their respective programmes on the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Industrial Development Organization national cleaner production centres and the regional centres under the Basel Convention;

3. Invites Parties to cooperate in the minimization of the generation of hazardous wastes, in particular through the use of cleaner production methods and environmental management systems;

4. Further invites Parties that are currently using cleaner production methods or technologies in their industrial processes and product design to facilitate and cooperate in the transfer of those methods and technologies to other Parties;

5. Encourages Parties, in accordance with their national legislation and practices, and requests the secretariat to work closely with the industry sector and appropriate non-governmental organizations for the minimization of hazardous wastes;

6. Notes that the Technical Working Group, as part of its proposed work programme, will provide guidance, as necessary, to the regional centres for training and technology transfer relating to activities to be undertaken for the selection of waste streams susceptible for cleaner production;

7. Urges the secretariat and the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics to initiate joint activities as soon as possible between the national cleaner production centres and the regional centres for training and technology transfer under the Basel Convention, preferably through a formal agreement, which would outline the modalities for such collaboration and specify the type of joint activities to be undertaken;

8. Requests the secretariat to report on progress in the work on waste minimization to the Working Group for Implementation at its next session.