

BC-10/23: Capacity-building for the implementation of the Basel Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision IX/31, by which it approved the programme activities for the period 2009–2011, including activities under the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focal areas,

Recalling also its decision IX/6 on the Nairobi Declaration on the Environmentally Sound Management of Electrical and Electronic Waste,

Welcoming the progress made with capacity-building activities under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and in conjunction with the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,

Welcoming also the progress made by several Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in managing projects with direct donor funding, including full-sized projects under the Global Environment Facility and bilateral funding,

Acknowledging the efforts made by the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres further to build their capacity to develop and manage projects for the implementation of the Convention,

1. *Takes note* of the progress made with activities under the programme to support the implementation of the Strategic Plan focal areas;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To continue facilitating capacity-building activities and pilot projects in focal areas, subject to the availability of funds, including activities for the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic waste;

(b) To continue efforts to strengthen further the independent operation of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres by assisting them to develop their capacity and capability to act as efficient project-implementing institutions;

(c) To increase efforts to link the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to processes to develop project proposals under multilateral agencies such as the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, regional development banks and bilateral donors; to replicate concepts and tools developed under the Convention; and to act independently to support and, where feasible, execute projects at the regional, subregional and national levels;

(d) To increase efforts to develop cooperation and strengthen collaboration with international organizations and key partners that are directly or indirectly dealing with waste disposal or waste minimization issues, such as the partner organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals and the International Telecommunication Union;

(e) To report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting on the progress made in facilitating capacity-building activities for priority waste streams, the implementation of tools related to the Convention to strengthen the legal system, enforcement and competent authorities at the regional and national levels and cooperation with other international organizations that deal directly or indirectly with waste disposal or waste minimization issues, such as the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Telecommunication Union;

3. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to engage in capacity-building activities and collaboration related to the implementation of the Convention, as appropriate, in their regions;

4. *Urges* parties, signatories and all stakeholders in a position to do so to provide financial and in kind support for capacity-building activities at the regional and

national levels through bilateral programmes and the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, as appropriate;

5. *Invites* international organizations, development banks and donor agencies to strengthen their collaboration with the Secretariat and the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, as appropriate, on waste disposal and waste minimization activities under the Convention.