

OEWG-II/5

National definitions of hazardous wastes (article 3 of the Basel Convention)

The Open-ended Working Group,

Noting the obligation of each Party under article 3 of the Convention to inform the Secretariat of the Convention, within six months of becoming a Party to the Convention, of the wastes, other than those listed in Annexes I and II, considered or defined as hazardous under its national legislation and of any requirements concerning transboundary movement procedures applicable to such wastes, and also noting the obligation to report subsequently any significant changes to the information that it has previously provided,

Recognizing that information provided in annual reporting under article 13 may not substitute for the information required under article 3,

Considering that few Parties have submitted to the Secretariat the information under article 3 within the time limits established under the Convention,

Noting with appreciation Germany's willingness to assist the Secretariat in developing a standardized format for reporting under article 3,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat, together with interested Parties, to develop a standardized format for reporting under article 3 of the Convention for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its third session and for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting;
2. *Further requests* the Secretariat to assist Parties in ensuring that information notified is up-to-date and as clear as possible to facilitate each Party's understanding of other Parties' national definitions of hazardous wastes;
3. *Requests* Parties that have not provided the Secretariat with any information required under article 3 of the Convention to provide any such information as soon as possible, but not later than six months after the adoption of a standardized reporting format at the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and to report any subsequent significant change of this information using the standardized format;
4. *Requests* the Secretariat to make available on its web site the information received from Parties pursuant to article 3 of the Convention in the six United Nations languages.