

## BC-12/12: Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Takes note* of the progress made in the implementation of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment and welcomes the report submitted by the co-chairs of the Partnership Working Group;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Expresses its appreciation* for the financial and in-kind contributions made to the Partnership by parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;
3. *Recognizes* the significant role of the Partnership as a public-private partnership within the framework of the Basel Convention in achieving successful outputs in respect of the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment;
4. *Emphasizes* the need to further develop and implement strategies for the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment in particular, but also electronic and electrical waste in general, at the regional and national levels;
5. *Invites* parties and signatories to use sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment<sup>2</sup> and the guidelines and reports produced by the Partnership;
6. *Requests* the Partnership Working Group to complete the outstanding tasks from the 2014–2015 work programme including:
  - (a) Revision of section 3 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, which deals with transboundary movements of such equipment, following the adoption by the Conference of the Parties of the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electronic and electrical waste, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste. The Partnership Working Group should take into account the adopted technical guidelines and any additional information provided and should submit the revised section 3 of the guidance document to the Open-ended Working Group for its consideration;
  - (b) The development of a strategy and workplan for the implementation of concrete actions at the regional and national levels taking into account, inter alia, the draft concept note on strengthening the use of the guidelines and reports developed by the Partnership;<sup>3</sup>
  - (c) The finalization of ongoing pilot projects and the development of a report on lessons learned;
7. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting to consider the revised section 3 of the guidance document developed in accordance with paragraph 6 (a) above and to submit it, amended as appropriate, to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption;
8. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life computing equipment, and the guidelines and reports produced by the Partnership, and, subject to the availability of funding, to initiate training and outreach activities and to take the lead in the implementation of actions as identified according to paragraph 6 (b) above;
9. *Encourages* parties and other stakeholders to make financial and/or in-kind contributions:
  - (a) To support the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres in their efforts to implement the activities identified in paragraph 8 above;
  - (b) To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the implementation of activities as identified in the strategy and workplan described in paragraph 6 (b) above;

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<sup>1</sup> See UNEP/CHW.12/INF/26.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.11/6/Add.1/Rev.1.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW.12/INF/27, annex II.

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(c) To facilitate the implementation of projects on the collection and management of end-of-life computing equipment from the informal sector in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(d) To facilitate the identification of actions and incentives that can be taken to promote the environmentally sound reuse, refurbishment, repair, material recovery and recycling of used and end-of life computing equipment;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat:

(a) To facilitate and provide expertise to the Partnership Working Group;

(b) To report on progress in the activities undertaken by the Partnership Working Group to the Open-ended Working Group at its tenth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.