

## **BC-11/22: Admission of observers**

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Approves* the application form for admission as an observer at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal set out in the annex to the present decision;
2. *Invites* any body or agency wishing to be represented as an observer at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, or, as appropriate, its subsidiary bodies, to submit to the Secretariat the information required in accordance with the form set out in the annex to the present decision for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next ordinary meeting;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to maintain a list of national and international, governmental and non-governmental bodies and agencies represented as observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties for the purpose of inviting observers to those meetings and for official communications with observers during the periods between meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;
4. *Also requests* the Secretariat, within the context of its work to maintain the list referred to in paragraph 3 above, to continue to confirm that the bodies or agencies making requests for admission as observers meet the relevant criteria in accordance with the Convention and the rules of procedure;
5. *Further requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting on experiences with using the form referred to in paragraph 1 above and the practices followed regarding the admission of observers to meetings of the bodies of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
6. *Agrees* that the list referred to in paragraph 3 above shall include those bodies or agencies represented as observers at previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to maintain the list referred to in paragraph 3 above and to update it after each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

## Annex to decision BC-11/22

### Application for admission as an observer at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention



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### Application for admission as an observer at meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention<sup>1</sup>

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Paragraph 6 of Article 15 of the Basel Convention provides: “The United Nations, its specialized agencies, as well as any State not party to this Convention, may be represented as observers at meetings of the Conference of the Parties. Any other body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to hazardous wastes or other wastes which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented as an observer at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties, may be admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object. The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.”

Paragraph 1 of rule 7 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention provides: “The Secretariat shall notify any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, qualified in fields relating to the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes as well as their management and disposal, which has informed the Secretariat of its wish to be represented, of any meeting so that they may be represented by observers, subject to the condition that their admission to the meeting is not objected to by at least one third of the Parties present at the meeting.”

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To apply for admission as an observer at meetings of the Basel Convention bodies (i.e., the Conference of the Parties and, as appropriate, the Open-ended Working Group), any interested body or agency should complete the present application form and send it, together with supporting documents, to [brs@brsmeas.org](mailto:brs@brsmeas.org) at least **one month** prior to the commencement date or opening of the meeting in question. The Secretariat will screen the applications to check whether they are complete and in conformity with the above-mentioned requirements. Successful applications will be submitted to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting following receipt of the relevant documents.

In the event that any body or agency wishes to attend a meeting of a subsidiary body established under the Basel Convention prior to their application being reviewed by the Conference of the Parties, such body or agency may be represented as an observer at the meeting of the subsidiary body on a provisional basis and will be considered for admission at meetings of the bodies established under the Basel Convention at the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, without prejudice to any decision of the Conference of the Parties or any relevant rules on admission of observers at meetings of that subsidiary body.

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<sup>1</sup> This process does not apply to those entities represented as observers in accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, i.e., the United Nations and its specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and any State and any political and/or economic integration organization not party to the Convention.

*Please complete those sections in the form below that are relevant to the body or agency making the request for admission:*

<b>I. Name of body or agency</b>	
<b>Contact person (if any):</b> (Mr. / Ms.)	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Tel:</b>	
<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>National or international:</b>	
<b>Qualification in fields relating to the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes as well as their management and disposal</b>	

<b>II. Affiliation with networks, non-governmental organizations or institutions involved in activities relating to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and/or the Basel Convention</b>	
<b>Economic and Social Council consultative status:</b>	Yes _____ No _____
<b>Other relevant affiliation (e.g., United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues):</b>	Yes _____ No _____

<i>Information to be provided, where relevant:</i>	
<b>III. Membership of networks</b>	
<b>Name of network:</b>	
<b>Type of network:</b>	
<b>Geographical distribution:</b>	
<b>Date of membership:</b>	

<i>Information to be provided, if available:</i>	
1. Information describing the body or agency	
2. Information on the affiliation of the body or agency with non-governmental organizations or institutions	
3. Information on the programmes and activities undertaken by the body or agency/qualification in fields relating to the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes as well as their management and disposal	
4. Description of any network and/or membership system	
<b>Signature and/or seal</b> <i>(the application must be signed by a duly authorized representative)</i>	
<b>Date:</b>	