

V/14. Implementation of decision IV/3 (Transmission of information)

The Conference

1. Takes note of the compilation of documents prepared by the secretariat, based on the information reported by Parties in accordance with articles 13 and 16 of the Basel Convention, for the years 1996 and 1997;
2. Takes note of the country fact-sheets prepared by the secretariat for the year 1997;
3. Welcomes the graphic presentation of the 1997 data reported by the Parties to the secretariat, contained in the publication Basel Convention Series/SBC No. 99/011, Part II;

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4. Acknowledges the efforts made by the Parties to provide information to the Secretariat for the calendar years 1996 and 1997;

5. Also acknowledges the difficulties that some Parties might have, particularly developing countries, in gathering data and information in accordance with the reporting requirements of article 13, due to the lack of proper arrangements and procedures in place at the national level for this purpose;

6. Requests the Parties that are in a position to do so to collaborate with and assist developing country Parties in setting up procedures and other arrangements to facilitate the collection of data and preparation of inventories of hazardous wastes;

7. Urges the Parties that have not yet done so to report on articles 13 and 16 for the calendar years 1997 and 1998 as soon as possible, using the questionnaire provided for this purpose by the Secretariat and bearing in mind that, in accordance with the provisions of article 13, Parties are requested to transmit, before the end of each calendar year, a report on information for the previous calendar year;

8. Recalls that such information has to be provided by Parties to the secretariat for the calendar year 1999 before the end of the calendar year 2000;

9. Requests the secretariat to review the existing questionnaire used for reporting under Articles 13 and 16, with a view to simplifying it as appropriate, so as to facilitate reporting by Parties from the year 1999 onwards;

10. Requests the secretariat to prepare the compilations and country fact- sheets for the years 1998 and 1999 and to make such information available on a regular basis to the Parties and non-Parties;

11. Requests the secretariat to continue its efforts in ensuring the availability of graphic presentations of the data provided by Parties for the years 1998 and 1999;

12. Requests the secretariat to continue its efforts in harmonizing data collection with other international bodies;

13. Requests the secretariat to explore the possibilities of developing indicators on hazardous wastes to facilitate decision-making and to report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting.