**SC-8/7: Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes**

*The Conference of the Parties*,

*Noting* the priority areas for action recognized in decision SC‑8/18 on effectiveness evaluation as they relate to measures to reduce or eliminate releases from stockpiles and wastes,

* + - 1. *Welcomes* with appreciation decision BC-13/4 on technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants, by which the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, at its thirteenth meeting, adopted updated general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants[[1]](#footnote-1) and other technical guidelines specific to persistent organic pollutants listed in that decision;
      2. *Notes* that the updated general technical guidelines adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its thirteenth meeting:
         1. Establish provisional definitions for low persistent organic pollutant content;[[2]](#footnote-2)
         2. Establish a provisional definition for levels of destruction and irreversible transformation;[[3]](#footnote-3)
         3. Determine methods considered to constitute environmentally sound disposal;[[4]](#footnote-4)
      3. *Reminds* Parties to take into account the above‑mentioned technical guidelines when implementing their obligations under paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention;
      4. *Encourages* the introduction and demonstration in developing countries and countries with economies in transition of cost-effective methods selected from those listed in section IV G of the updated general technical guidelines;
      5. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to undertake   
         capacity-building and training activities to support Parties in meeting their obligations under paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention, taking into account the above‑mentioned technical guidelines;
      6. *Invites* the appropriate bodies of the Basel Convention,with regard to the chemicals newly listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-8/10, SC-8/11 and SC-8/12:
         1. To establish for those chemicals the levels of destruction and irreversible transformation necessary to ensure that the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants, as specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention, are not exhibited;
         2. To determine what they consider to be the methods that constitute environmentally sound disposal under paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention;
         3. To work to establish, as appropriate, the concentration levels in order to define for those chemicals the low persistent organic pollutant content referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention;
         4. To further update, if need be, the general technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and to update or develop new specific technical guidelines under the Basel Convention;
      7. *Encourages* Parties to accelerate their efforts to ensure the sound management of persistent organic pollutant stockpiles and wastes, including their further identification, and to prepare plans of action that prioritize the environmentally sound disposal of wastes;
      8. *Encourages* Parties and others to improve the availability of data to determine the amounts of specific persistent organic pollutant contained in wastes that have been destroyed or irreversibly transformed, taking into account the recommendation set out in paragraph 102 of the executive summary of the report on the effectiveness evaluation of the Convention.[[5]](#footnote-5)

1. UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.1/Rev.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Ibid., sect. III A [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ibid., sect. III B [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Ibid., sect. IV G [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. UNEP/POPS/COP.8/22/Add.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)