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**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention  
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of  
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal  
Tenth meeting**

Cartagena, Colombia, 17–21 October 2011

Item 2 (c) of the provisional agenda\*

**Organizational matters: organization of work**

**Scenario note for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the  
Parties to the Basel Convention**

**Note by the Secretariat**

1. The present scenario note is intended to assist representatives in preparing for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal by communicating information regarding initial planning activity and expectations for the meeting, without prejudice to any decision that the Conference of the Parties may wish to take on how it will organize its work.

**I. Objective and possible outcomes of the tenth meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties**

2. As set out in more detail in paragraphs 3–8 below, the objective of the meeting is the consideration and possible adoption of six sets of decisions:

- (a) Decisions on strategic matters;
- (b) Decisions on scientific and technical matters;
- (c) Decisions on legal, compliance and governance matters;
- (d) Decision on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants;
- (e) Decisions on other issues related to the implementation of the Basel Convention;
- (f) Decision on the programme of work and budget.

3. On strategic matters (item 3(a) of the provisional agenda), the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt decisions on:

- (a) New strategic framework for the implementation of the Convention for 2012–2021;

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- (b) Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative proposal on how to improve the effectiveness of the Convention;
  - (c) Review and strengthening of the Convention regional and coordinating centres.
4. On scientific and technical matters (item 3(b) of the provisional agenda), the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt decisions on:
- (a) Adoption of revised technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used tyres;
  - (b) Adoption of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes;
  - (c) Adoption of technical guidelines on the co-processing of hazardous waste in cement kilns;
  - (d) Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of e-waste, in particular regarding the distinction between wastes and non-wastes, with a view to possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
  - (e) Proposals to amend the annexes to the Convention, with a view to their consideration for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;
  - (f) Classification and hazard characterization of wastes.
5. On legal, compliance and governance matters (item 3(c) of the provisional agenda), the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt decisions on:
- (a) Outcomes of the deliberations of the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention (the Implementation and Compliance Committee) at its seventh and eighth sessions, elements of the Committee's work programme for 2012–2013, and the election of 10 new Committee members;
  - (b) National legislation, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic (including adoption of the instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic);
  - (c) National reporting;
  - (d) Interpretation of paragraph 5 of Article 17 of the Convention;
  - (e) Implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention (a draft decision submitted by Cuba);
  - (f) Guidance to the Secretariat on issues of international cooperation and coordination;
  - (g) Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization, including with regard to the application of the Basel Convention to wastes generated on board ships;
  - (h) Further action to be taken with regard to the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships;
  - (i) International cooperation and technical assistance activities on the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling.
6. On enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (item 4 of the provisional agenda), the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt decision that is identical in substance to decisions on the same issue taken by the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its fifth meeting (SC-5/27) and by the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention at its fifth meeting (RC-5/12).
7. On other issues related to the implementation of the Convention (items 3 (d), (e) and (f) (ii) of the provisional agenda, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt decisions on:
- (a) Basel Convention Partnership Programme, including its 2012–2013 work programme;
  - (b) Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative, including adoption of the revised guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones;

- (c) Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment, including guidelines on the environmentally sound testing, refurbishment and repair of used computing equipment, and on environmentally sound material recovery and recycling of end-of-life computing equipment; in addition to guidance on transboundary movements of used and end-of-life computing equipment;
  - (d) Capacity-building;
  - (e) Resource mobilization and sustainable financing;
  - (f) Adoption of the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2012–2013.
8. On the programme budget for 2012–2013 (item 3 (f) (i) of the provisional agenda), the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision taking into account the draft programme of work and budget prepared by the secretariat, in which it proposes a “zero real growth” scenario.
9. The Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider the theme of the meeting, “Prevention, minimization and recovery of wastes” (item 5 of the provisional agenda). A possible outcome for this item could be agreement on a declaration related to the theme along the lines suggested in paragraph 60 of the annotated provisional agenda (document UNEP/CHW.10/1/Add.1).

## II. Organization of work

10. The meeting will comprise five days of sessions, from 17 to 21 October 2011 (Monday to Friday), with provision for pre-meetings on 15 and 16 October (Saturday and Sunday) and for regional meetings in the late afternoon of 16 October (Sunday). The pre-meeting on 15 October is intended to advance the work on the revised technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of used tyres, technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of mercury wastes and technical guidelines on the co-processing of hazardous waste in cement kilns. On Sunday, 16 October, there will be a meeting for an informal exchange of information and views on the Swiss-Indonesian country-led initiative and on the new strategic framework.
11. From Monday to Friday, the proposed daily schedule for plenary sessions will be two three-hour sessions per day (10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m.). No high-level segment is planned.
12. Given the very warm and humid conditions expected in Cartagena, the dress code for the meeting will be business casual, e.g., no neckties or jackets (men may wish to wear traditional shirts of the region called “guayaberas”, which are widely available in Cartagena).
13. The meeting will be opened on Monday, 17 October, at 10 a.m. Following welcoming remarks there will be a forum devoted to the theme of the meeting, with relevant statements and presentations. Full discussion of the theme will take place later in the week.
14. Under organizational matters (item 2 of the provisional agenda), the Conference will elect a president, three vice-presidents and a rapporteur to form the Bureau of the meeting and to serve until the commencement of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure. Regional groups are thus encouraged to undertake consultations with a view to submitting nominations at the opening of the meeting.
15. Following the election of officers, the Conference of the Parties will adopt the agenda for the meeting, amended as appropriate, and agree on the organization of work.
16. The Conference of the Parties will consider the credentials of representatives. The representative of the Secretariat will introduce the matter to the Conference of the Parties and, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau will examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference of the Parties later in the week.
17. If time allows, representatives of regional groups only will then have the opportunity to make general statements. All representatives will be able to post written statements on the intranet website of the Conference.
18. Once its discussion of organizational matters has been completed, the Conference of the Parties may wish to begin its discussion of matters related to the implementation of the Convention (item 3 of the provisional agenda). The Conference of the Parties may wish to begin with the programme of work and budget (item 3 (f) (i) of the provisional agenda) so as to provide an opportunity for the Secretariat to make an initial presentation and for a contact group to be established.
19. The Conference of the Parties may then wish to consider the new strategic framework and the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention (items 3 (a) (i) and (iii) of the provisional agenda). After an initial discussion of these issues, the Conference of

the Parties may wish to identify the core issues of concern that need be dealt with so that Convention can be as relevant and useful as possible in the years ahead and to devise a way forward. This may include the establishment of a contact group.

20. Following that discussion, the Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the remaining sub-items under item 3 in the order in which they appear in the provisional agenda and to establish additional contact or drafting groups as deemed necessary. In so doing, preference should be accorded to items under which contact groups may need to be established so that work in the contact group may begin early in the week. A possible exception to this order could be consideration of enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (item 4 of the provisional agenda), which the Conference of the Parties may wish to take up before discussion of the sub-items under item 3. In addition, the Conference of the Parties may wish to discuss the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (an issue covered under agenda item 3 (d) of the provisional agenda) immediately following the discussion of scientific and technical matters (item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda) because both involve the development of related technical guidelines. Initial consideration of items 3 and 4 of the provisional agenda is expected to be completed by the end of the morning session on Thursday.

21. The Conference of the Parties may then wish to consider the theme of the meeting (item 5 of the provisional agenda).

22. Throughout the week contact groups will be established as necessary to consider specific issues. The number of groups meeting in parallel will be kept to a minimum to ensure that small delegations are able to participate fully in the deliberations. To ensure that all meeting participants are kept abreast of the activities of any such groups, the morning plenary sessions from Tuesday to Friday will begin with reports from the various groups.

23. On Friday, the Conference of the Parties will have the opportunity to take decisions on the basis of the draft decisions submitted by the contact or drafting groups, or by the Secretariat, at the request of the Conference of the Parties. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide on the venue and date of its eleventh meeting (item 6 of the provisional agenda) and consider any other matters raised during the meeting (item 7 of the provisional agenda).

24. It is expected that the Conference of the Parties will adopt the report of the meeting on Friday afternoon (item 8 of the provisional agenda). In accordance with its usual practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt those sections of the report that describe the conduct of the meeting up until the end of the day on Thursday, with any amendments that it deems necessary. Also in accordance with usual practice, the Conference of the Parties may wish to agree that those sections of the report describing the Friday plenary sessions will be prepared by the Rapporteur, in cooperation with the Secretariat, and incorporated into the final report under the authority of the President.