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

**Ninth meeting**

**Bali, 23–27 June 2008**

Item 7 (d) of the provisional agenda\*

**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties  
at its eighth meeting: Partnership Programme**

## **Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

#### **I. Introduction**

1. By decision VIII/6, the Conference of the Parties provisionally adopted a guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones. That document summarized the five completed guidelines on used and end-of-life mobile phones developed under the guidance of the Mobile Phone Working Group since the start of the Initiative. By the same decision, the Conference of the Parties encouraged stakeholders to initiate pilot projects to test the guidelines and the guidance document and requested Parties to review the guidance document and submit it to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting for consideration and adoption. By decision OEWG-VI/21, the Open-ended Working Group requested Parties to submit comments on the guidance document to the Mobile Phone Working Group, which then revised the guidance document based on those comments and on discussions within the Mobile Phone Working Group (set out in document UNEP/CHW.9/11). A report on progress under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative is set out in document UNEP/CHW.9/INF/16.

#### **II. Implementation**

2. The present note sets out proposed action for the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative.

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\* UNEP/CHW.9/1.

### III. Proposed action

3. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decisions VI/31, VII/4 and VIII/6,

*Noting* the report on progress made by the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative, as presented by the Chair of the Mobile Phone Working Group established by decision VI/31 of the Conference of the Parties,<sup>1</sup>

*Also noting* with appreciation the financial and in-kind contributions made towards the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative by Parties, in particular by Switzerland, and by signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders,

*Further noting* the significant efforts made by Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to prepare project guidelines and an overall guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,

*Recognizing* the significant role of the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative as a public-private partnership within the framework of the Basel Convention in reaching successful outputs on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,

*Noting* the compilation of comments received concerning the paper on issues raised during the discussion of the guideline on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life mobile phones, as presented by the Secretariat,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Adopts*, without prejudice to national legislation, the guidance document on environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,<sup>3</sup> as amended by the comments received,<sup>4</sup> as a voluntary document and takes note of the recommendations set forth therein;

2. *Invites* Parties and signatories to use and continue to test the guidance document and the five guidelines produced by the project groups under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative;

3. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to continue to review the guidance document further, based on Parties' experience and needs;

4. *Also requests* the Open-ended Working Group to review the issues raised during the discussion of the guideline on transboundary movement of used and end-of-life mobile phones;<sup>5</sup>

5. *Decides* that the Mobile Phone Working Group has successfully completed its mandate, as outlined in decision VI/31 and its appendix, and ceases to exist. Any follow-up tasks that may be required will be carried out by an ad hoc follow-up group, with the participation of interested Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders;

6. *Encourages* the follow-up group to complete any outstanding tasks and revise the guidance document based on the results of evaluation studies and any additional information provided;

7. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the guidance document and guidelines approved by the Mobile Phone Working Group and to initiate training and outreach workshops, subject to availability of funding;

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1 UNEP/CHW.9/INF/16.

2 UNEP/CHW.9/INF/13.

3 UNEP/CHW.8/2/Add.3\*, annex.

4 UNEP/CHW.9/11

5 UNEP/CHW.8/INF/6, annex, appendix 1.

8. *Invites* developing countries and countries with economies in transition to participate in the activities of the follow-up group;

9. *Encourages* Parties, signatories, industry, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to make financial or in-kind contributions or both:

(a) To facilitate the participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

(b) To facilitate the implementation of pilot projects on collection and treatment schemes;

(c) To initiate and facilitate training and outreach workshops.

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