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**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**
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**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the Conference
of the Parties at its seventh meeting:
Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative (decision VII/4)**

Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative

Note by the Secretariat

I. Background

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal adopted decision VII/4 on the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative.

II. Implementation

2. The progress report by the chair of the mobile phone working group, which was established by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting pursuant to decision VI/31 on sustainable partnership for the environmentally sound management of end-of-life mobile phones, is presented in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/4/INF/14.

* UNEP/CHW/OEWG/4/1.

III. Proposed action

3. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider a decision along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group,

Welcoming the progress made in the implementation of the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative,

Also welcoming the partners from industry that have recently joined the Initiative,

Noting the progress report submitted by the chair of the mobile phone working group,

Recognizing the complexity of the issues concerning or related to the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,

1. *Encourages* Parties to continue to participate in and contribute actively to the mobile phone working group;

2. *Also encourages* the mobile phone working group to initiate, at an appropriate time, one or several pilot projects on collection and treatment schemes in areas and regions in need of such projects and, where appropriate, to involve the Basel Convention regional centres in such projects;

3. *Invites* Parties, signatories, members of industry and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to make financial and in-kind contributions for the implementation of pilot collection and treatment schemes;

4. *Also invites* members of the mobile phone working group to provide financial support for the publication of the final reports of the mobile phone working group and its overall guidance document on the environmentally sound management of end-of-life mobile phones;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on progress to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session.