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on the Control of Transboundary Movements of  
Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**

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**Scientific and technical matters: review of issues  
raised under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative**

## **Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

#### **Introduction**

1. By its decision IX/8, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, among other things, adopted sections 1–3 and 5 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones<sup>1</sup> as a voluntary document and disbanded the Mobile Phone Working Group that had previously been in operation. It encouraged an ad hoc 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. It also requested the Open-ended Working Group to review the guidance document further, based on Parties' experience and needs.

#### **I. Implementation**

2. Following the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the five technical guidelines developed under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative were tested in a facility-type environment, revised based on recommendations from those evaluation studies, agreed upon by the ad hoc follow-up group and placed on the Convention website ([www.basel.int/industry/mppi/documents.html](http://www.basel.int/industry/mppi/documents.html)) in March 2009.

3. The overall guidance document was revised to reflect the discussions at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It was posted on the website in April 2009 for comments by Parties, signatories and other interested stakeholders. No comments have been received to date. The revised guidance is provided in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/7.

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\* UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/1.

1 UNEP/CHW.8/2/Add.3, annex.

4. All five guidelines and the overall guidance document are now being used by Parties, signatories, Basel Convention regional centres, industry bodies, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders in raising awareness of the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones.

## II. Proposed action

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

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Recalling* decision IX/8, by which the Conference of the Parties adopted sections 1–3 and 5 of the guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting* that the five technical guidelines developed under the Mobile Phone Partnership Initiative have been tested in a facility-type environment and revised accordingly,

*Noting also* that the overall guidance document has been revised to reflect the discussions at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

*Acknowledging* the work undertaken by the ad hoc follow-up group to revise and agree upon the five technical guidelines and to revise the overall guidance document to incorporate changes to summaries and recommendations contained in the five technical guidelines,

*Recognizing* that no further comments on the guidance document have been submitted by Parties, signatories or other interested stakeholders,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the ad hoc follow-up group for its efforts in completing all outstanding tasks and revising the five technical guidelines;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat to revise the guidance document further based on the results of evaluation studies and any additional information provided;
3. *Invites* Parties, signatories and other interested stakeholders to use the revised guidance document on the environmentally sound management of used and end-of-life mobile phones and the five revised technical guidelines;<sup>3</sup>
4. *Encourages* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to disseminate the revised guidance document and technical guidelines and to initiate training and outreach workshops, subject to availability of funding;
5. *Invites* Parties, signatories, members of industry bodies and international governmental and non-governmental organizations to make voluntary financial contributions to facilitate the implementation of the guidance document and technical guidelines by the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres.

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/7.