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Basilea sobre el control de los movimientos transfronterizos de
los desechos peligrosos y su eliminación**

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Nota de la Secretaría

Introducción

1. En su decisión IX/11, la Conferencia de las Partes en el Convenio de Basilea, pidió a la Secretaría que intensificasen la cooperación y la coordinación con otras organizaciones internacionales y regionales y acuerdos ambientales multilaterales en esferas de interés para el Convenio de Basilea, que incluyan las esferas y las organizaciones que se enumeran en el anexo del documento UNEP/CHW.9/15. La Conferencia de las Partes pidió asimismo a la Secretaría que continuase en sus tentativas para que se le concediese la condición de observadora en el Comité de Comercio y Medio Ambiente de la Organización Mundial del Comercio y que notificase a las Partes en el Convenio de Basilea cuando la Organización Mundial del Comercio le haya dado curso a su solicitud.

I. Aplicación

2. Durante 2008-2009 la Secretaría desarrolló un cierto número de actividades de cooperación con las organizaciones internacionales y las organizaciones no gubernamentales tanto a nivel internacional como regional. Estas actividades se describen en el anexo de la presente nota¹.

3. Con respecto a las deliberaciones relativas al Comité de Comercio y Medio Ambiente, el Grupo de Trabajo tal vez desee recordar que, tras adoptar la decisión VIII/7, la Secretaría transmitió una petición al Presidente del Comité el 18 de enero de 2007 tratando de conseguir la condición de observadora para la Secretaría del Convenio de Basilea. Después de dicha petición, se informó a la Secretaría de que el Comité había acordado el 4 de octubre de 2001 postergar las deliberaciones sobre peticiones de la condición de observador intergubernamental en el Comité en espera de los debates en el

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¹ Por razones de economía, el anexo se publica únicamente en inglés y no ha sido objeto de edición oficial.

Consejo General. Desde octubre de 2001, las continuas diferencias entre los miembros de la Organización Mundial del Comercio supusieron que no ha tenido lugar ningún acuerdo para avanzar en la cuestión en el Consejo General.

4. El Comité se reunió dos veces desde la novena reunión de la Conferencia de las Partes: el 3 de noviembre de 2008 y el 10 de julio de 2009. Antes de esta reunión, la Secretaría se puso en contacto con la Secretaría del Comité y se le informó de que en el programa de dicha reunión no figuraba examen alguno de importancia directa para el Convenio.

5. Durante dicha reunión, la Presidencia del Comité recordó que había cuatro peticiones pendientes de acuerdos ambientales multilaterales solicitando la condición de observador, incluida la del Convenio. Manifestó que cuando se planteasen en el Comité cuestiones que interesasen a dichos acuerdos, estudiaría con los miembros la posibilidad de invitar a las secretarías de dichos acuerdos a las reuniones en calidad de observadores con carácter excepcional. El Comité tomó nota de dicha declaración.

II. Medida propuesta

6. El Grupo de Trabajo de composición abierta tal vez desee adoptar una decisión concebida en los siguientes términos:

El Grupo de Trabajo de composición abierta,

1. *Toma nota* de la información proporcionada con la Secretaría en relación con la cooperación y coordinación internacionales² y las peticiones de la Secretaría de continuar fortaleciendo la cooperación y la coordinación con otras organizaciones internacionales y regionales y acuerdos ambientales multilaterales en esferas de importancia para el Convenio de Basilea;

2. *Pide* a la Secretaría que continúe realizando esfuerzos para tratar de obtener la condición de observadora en el Comité de Comercio y Medio Ambiente de la Organización Mundial del Comercio y que comunique a las Partes cuando la Organización Mundial del Comercio atienda a su petición;

3. *Pide también* a la Secretaría que informe sobre la aplicación de la presente decisión a la Conferencia de las Partes en su décima reunión;

4. *Pide* a las Partes que prosigan la coordinación a los niveles nacional y regional con el fin de apoyar los esfuerzos de la Secretaría por fortalecer la cooperación internacional.

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UNEPCHW/OEWG/7/17, anexo.

Annex

Report on international cooperation over the biennium 2008–2009

International and regional organizations and multilateral environmental agreements	Activities
UNEP	
UNEP-Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is undertaking its activities in compliance with decision VIII/33 on mercury in close cooperation with UNEP/Chemicals/mercury. These activities include the development of guidelines on environmentally sound management of mercury wastes with emphasis on the development of sound disposal and remediation practices; and the development of capacity building and technical assistance programs to reduce and prevent pollution from mercury. • The Secretariat contributed to the overarching framework of UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. The Secretariat also contributed to and participated in the preparatory meetings on the new legally binding instrument on mercury. The Secretariat further became a member of three mercury partnerships. • The Secretariat was involved in the UNEP Chemicals organized meeting on 14-16 December 2009 in Geneva, Switzerland, where environment and development partners discussed global trends in chemicals management and the role for integrating the sound management of chemicals into development policies and plans. The partners assessed the current status and developed next steps in a global work programme. • UNEP Chemicals has involved the Secretariat in several discussions and Scoping Meeting for the Study of Stakeholder Needs for Information on Chemicals in Products 17-18 December, 2009 Geneva, Switzerland. Based on a previous survey, the priority products for study comprise, a.o., children products and e-products, including e-waste. The Secretariat is still assessing the scope of the project and further possible involvement under the project in order to prevent duplication of areas of work. • The Secretariat and UNEP-Chemicals are consulting each other on a regular basis and exchange views and information on all topics of common interest, including the preparation of UNEP documentation on chemicals and waste management, the participation and collaboration of respective staff in meetings, the development of joint cooperation activities, such as on mercury and POPs.
UNEP-GEF Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBC and the UNEP-GEF Unit work closely on the development of project proposals on POPs for submission to the GEF for co-funding and for the implementation of the funded activities. Collaboration has focused until now on PCBs management in West Africa and the Latin American region. Linkage of BCRCs to POPs NIP implementation projects is supported in particular in the African region are respective projects are under preparation. • Discussions are being held between the two units for the development of joint activities in other areas of work that are eligible for GEF funding.
UNEP-DTIE and Regional Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is a partner in the Green Customs Initiative (GCI), for which the UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics undertakes the Secretariat and coordinating functions. As a partner, the Secretariat has participated in the GCI partners' fifth (26-27 January 2009, Brussels) and sixth (8-9 February 2010, Geneva) meetings and contributes to the development of the work plan for the GCI. Since COP-9, the

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	<p>Secretariat of the Basel Convention, along with the Secretariats of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, was represented during all the GCI workshops that took place in 2009 (in Mongolia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Hungary, Syria, the Dominican Republic, and at the India/Nepal border). In addition, the Secretariat was represented by regional centres during two GCI customs workshops organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Mali and Mexico.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is seeking cooperation with the chemicals and MEAs coordinators based in the UNEP Regional Offices for Europe, Asia Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa. • The Secretariat attended the third 3rd UNEP ROAP MEA Regional Enforcement Network workshop (Chang Mai, Thailand, 12-15 October 2009) and regularly contributes to the MEA REN Newsletter. • Based on the Bali Declaration on waste management for human health and livelihood and the UNEP GC Decision 25/8 on waste management, UNEP IETC, Osaka, and the Secretariat developed jointly the concept for a consultative workshop on waste management partnership which was hosted by the Secretariat in Geneva on 30 November – 1 December 2009. The brainstorming workshop developed elements for a global waste partnership to be tabled at the next UNEP Governing Council.
UNEP Post-Conflict & Disaster Management Branch (UNEP-PC & DMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat and the UNEP-PC&DMB have collaborated closely for the development of the UNEP-SBC project on waste management in Côte d'Ivoire, funded under the UNEP Trust Fund for Côte d'Ivoire which was established by the UNEP Executive Director further to decision VIII/1 of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
SAICM secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat regularly consults and exchanges information with the SAICM secretariat to ensure coordination of activities relating to illegal traffic, and cooperates to facilitate mutual participation in activities of common and shared relevance. • The Secretariat facilitated the submission of project proposals to the SAICM Quick Start Programme Trust Fund. To date three national projects were funded in the following countries: Djibouti, Cote d'Ivoire and Trinidad and Tobago. Currently, the Secretariat together with BCRC-SEA is assisting Indonesia in developing a project proposal for the enhanced coordination in the implementation of Basel, Stockholm, and Rotterdam Conventions in the Country as a pilot country in the South-East Asian region. Further, the Secretariat is assisting the BCRC China in drafting and submitting a regional project on capacity strengthening and information exchange on PCBs management in selected Asian countries. • The Secretariat contributed to the preparation of the second International Conference on Chemical Management (ICCM2) in May 2009, in particular, on emerging policy issue: Hazardous substances within the life cycle of electrical and electronic products. As an outcome of ICCM2, the SBC is working with UNIDO and the SSC to organize a Workshop on Hazardous Substances within the Life Cycle of Electrical and Electronic Products to be held in February 2011. • The Secretariat is cooperating with SAICM in its elaboration of a report on illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products, as requested by the SAICM African Core Group at its last meeting in Nairobi, 20 and 21 August 2009.

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UNEP and the Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Joint Environment Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to COP-9, the Secretariat and the Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit entered into an agreement to provide mutual assistance related to notification and reporting, mobilization of resources and response to international environmental emergencies involving the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes and their disposal.
MEAs	
Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat has participated in several meetings of the Stockholm Convention, including the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention. The Secretariats have cooperated in developing a set of technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants as waste (general, PCBs, pesticide POPs, DDT and PCDD/PCDF). The Secretariats have cooperated in the preparation of training curricula and materials (Training Manual on Destruction and Decontamination Technologies for PCBs and Other POPs Wastes, Part III and online training package based on the technical guidelines on POPs). The Secretariat coordinated and organized together with the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention a joint meeting of directors from SCRCs and BCRCs in Geneva, September / October 2009. The Secretariat has been invited by the Stockholm Convention Secretariat and participated in a meeting of the advisory committee for the PCB Elimination Network (PEN), and to a consultation meeting for the development of a brokering tool to facilitate and coordinate access to capacity assistance. Additional information is contained in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/2.
Secretariat of the Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides and International Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat has participated in meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention. Both secretariats have been in contact for the organization, by BCRCs and BCCCs, of several regional and training workshops for the implementation of the Rotterdam Convention. Both secretariats are cooperating on the programme of asbestos waste in compliance with Decision VIII/33 (B9) and participated in the establishment and activities of the Inter-Agency Working Group (IAWG) on Sound Management of Asbestos together with ILO, and WHO. Additional information is contained in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/INF/2.
Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Secretariat participated and provided advice during the combined eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention and the Twentieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol that was held in Doha, Qatar from 16 to 20 November 2008. The report contained in document UNEP/OzL.Conv.8/7- UNEP/OzL.Pro.20/9 is available at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/mop/20mop/MOP-20-9E.pdf The Secretariat held consultations and assisted the Ozone Secretariat concerning the convention requirements on transboundary movement of ozone-depleting-substances wastes that could be considered to be toxic and on the ozone-depleting-substance wastes that are declared to be hazardous by the domestic legislation of a Party of export, import or transit.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participated in the Workshop on management and destruction of ozone-depleting substance banks and implications for climate change held in Geneva on 13 July 2009. The full report of this Workshop can be found in document UNEP/OzL.Pro/Workshop.3/2/Add.1, in English only. There is an executive summary in the official languages of the United Nations, available at UNEP/OzL.Pro/Workshop.3/2. • The Secretariat participated at the 29th meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol that was held in Geneva from 15 to 18 July 2009 as well as attended as an observer the 42nd meeting of the Implementation Committees under the Non Compliance procedure for the Montreal Protocol (21 - 22 July 2009, Geneva). The Report of the 29 OEWG is contained in UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/9 and is available at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/oewg/29oewg/OEWG-29-9E.doc. A Note by the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Compilation of comments and clarifications received from Parties pursuant to the request for clarification of national definitions of hazardous wastes in relation to ozone depleting substances from the Secretariat of the Basel Convention (Communication of 28 May 2009) (document: UNEP/OzL.Pro.WG.1/29/INF/2) available at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/workshop_on_ODS_banks/WORKSHOP-3-INF2E.pdf • The Secretariat participated in the 21st meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (4 - 8 November 2009, Port Ghalib, Egypt) The report contained in document UNEP/OzL.Pro.21/8 is available at http://ozone.unep.org/Meeting_Documents/mop/21mop/MOP-21-8E.doc
Other MEAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat regularly exchanges information on institutional issues with various MEA Secretariats, including the CBD, CITES, the UNCCD and the UNECE Aarhus Convention.
UN Agencies and organizations	
United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat actively participates in the work and meetings of the Committee of Experts. • A correspondence group of experts of the Basel Convention and the Committee of Experts was established in April 2005 with a view to elaborating, and ensuring consistency and coherence of the classification and labeling of chemicals and wastes, including their hazard categorization.
United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific activity of cooperation since COP-9.
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is presently in discussions with the Food and Agricultural Organization in order to foster closer collaboration in respect of their programme on Obsolete Pesticides.
Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participates in meetings and conference calls of the IOMC Coordinating Group on the preparation of the SAICM E-Products workshop.

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International Labour Organization (ILO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Basel Convention is represented in the Joint ILO/International Maritime Organization (IMO)/Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping. The third session of the JWG was hosted by the ILO in October 2008. The three Secretariats provided support to the meeting. Five Parties to the Basel Convention, China, the Gambia, the Russian Federation, Jamaica and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, participated in the JWG. Representatives of other Parties and others participated as observers. • The Secretariat has also been in close consultation with the ILO and the IMO to develop activities under the Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling. Further details of these activities are available in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/11 on Environmentally sound dismantling of ships.
International Maritime Organization (IMO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Joint ILO/IMO/Basel Convention Working Group on Ship Scrapping, as stated above, is one means by which the Basel Convention and its Secretariat cooperates with the IMO. • The Secretariat has also been in close consultation with the ILO and the IMO to develop activities under the Global Programme for Sustainable Ship Recycling. Further details of these activities are available in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/7/11 on Environmentally sound dismantling of ships. • The Secretariat participated in the meetings convened by the IMO to develop the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships and its associated guidelines. The meetings included: the 58th session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 58), 6-10 October 2008; the Second National Workshop in India on the International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 23-25 February 2009; the International Conference on the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 11-15 May 2009 in Hong Kong, China; MEPC 59, 13-17 July 2009; and MEPC 60, 22-26 March 2010. Consultations have been held between the secretariats of the IMO and the Basel Convention, and the United Nations Environment Programme's Disaster Management Branch (UNEP-DMB), to foster closer cooperation between these entities in respect of the activities being developed to address waste management and enforcement in Côte d'Ivoire and the sub-region. A technical meeting attended by SBC and the UNEP-DMB was organized at the IMO on 28 February 2008 to discuss concrete cooperation in this matter. • Cooperation is ongoing for the implementation of the Probo Koala phase I and II capacity building programmes in Africa. These programmes aim to enhance the capacity of Côte d'Ivoire and countries in Africa to monitor and control transboundary movements of hazardous chemicals and wastes, including MARPOL 73/78 wastes, and to enforce obligations concerning the control of imports of hazardous wastes and chemicals. In the framework of this cooperation, the Secretariat and the IMO have organized joint visits to port facilities and will develop a joint training programme on hazardous waste management at ports. This programme was developed in response to the incident involving the dumping of toxic substances in Côte d'Ivoire in August 2006.
World Health Organization (WHO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat and the WHO Department of Public Health and Environment (PHE) have met on a regular basis to discuss topics of common interest, including collaboration in the development and implementation of technical assistance activities in Côte d'Ivoire and the sub-region in the context of Decision VIII/1 on Côte d'Ivoire, the preparation of joint cooperation activities such as on mercury waste and health aspects of hazardous waste management and joint submission of project proposals to donors (including SAICM QSP).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participated in the Children, Environment and Health Conference in Korea in 2009 (through BCRC China). • The Secretariat cooperated with the WHO and UNEP-Chemicals in the preparation of the First Interministerial Conference on Health and Environment in Africa Ministers meeting which was held in Gabon in 26-29 August 2008.
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat provides information and assistance upon request to the Special Rapporteur, for instance on issues of ship dismantling and e-waste, and assisted in the preparation of field missions that were undertaken by the Special Rapporteur in India, in Cote d'Ivoire and in Kyrgyzstan. Since COP-9, the Secretariat held two courtesy meetings with the Special Rapporteur and OHCHR staff, and participated in informal consultations on human rights-based approaches to the sound management and disposal of toxic and dangerous products and wastes (Geneva, 18 September 2009).
Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is invited to participate, as an observer, in the meetings of the governing bodies of the organizations. • The Secretariat also cooperates with OPCW on illegal traffic, through the Green Customs Initiative, to which OPCW is also a partner.
United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participates in meetings of the Commission as an observer. • Together with the UNEP Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Secretariat supports the intergovernmental task force on integrated waste management. • The Secretariat is actively involved in the preparation for the next CSD cycle which will discuss the chemicals and hazardous waste issues and cooperates closely in this regard with the Secretariats of the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions.
United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat exchanges information with the Division concerning ship dismantling and the abandonment of ships, and on the work undertaken by the Basel Convention bodies on this issue; the information is transmitted to ensure that the Division is apprised of developments, and for inclusion in its biannual report on oceans and the law of the sea.
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat has been collaborating SBC is partnering with UNESCO on e-wastes, in particular in the development of their guide for small business to develop a computer recycling plan. UNESCO plans to participate as an observer on the Basel Convention Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE).
United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIDO plans to participate as an observer on the Basel Convention Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment (PACE).
Other international and regional organizations	
World Customs Organization (WCO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat cooperates with the WCO through the Green Customs Initiative and on a bilateral basis. • The Secretariat cooperated with the WCO in the preparations for its Operation Demeter (23 March – 11 May 2009) that targeted illegal shipments of hazardous and other wastes between Europe, Asia Pacific and Africa. The Secretariat provided technical assistance and participated both in the preparatory and debriefing meetings at WCO headquarters (9 February 2009 and 23 November 2009).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participated in the 29th session of the Enforcement Committee of the WCO (Brussels, 2-5 March 2010) and delivered a presentation on the behalf of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariats. • The Secretariat is planning the development, in cooperation with the Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Secretariats, of a WCO e-learning tool on all three chemicals and wastes conventions. • The Secretariat has participated in the work of the WCO Harmonized System Committee (HSC) with respect to the identification of wastes in the WCO Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. The Secretariat has participated in the meetings of the WCO Harmonized System Committee in November 2008. • The Secretariat has submitted three waste streams for consideration by HSC for inclusion in the Harmonized System, i.e. waste personal computers, electronic equipment and mobile phones; power-plant ashes and residues; and waste from inks, dyes, pigments, paints, lacquers and varnishes. To assist HSC in its consideration, the Secretariat has made presentations during relevant meetings of the WCO and provided information notes relevant to the Committee's work.
World Trade Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat may participate in meetings of the Committee on Trade and Environment (CTE) as an observer on an ad hoc basis and upon the invitation of the Chairman of the CTE, pending a decision on its request for observer status (dated 18 January 2007). • Since COP-9, the Secretariat was invited and made a presentation during two workshops organized by the WTO on trade and environment issues: a Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services (24 September 2009, Geneva) and a regional workshop on Trade and Environment (Singapore, February 2010). • The Secretariat also cooperated with the WTO in organizing a regional workshop on Trade and Environment for English Speaking African Countries (Botswana, 24-26 March 2009).
United Nations Groups on the Information Society (UNGIS) WSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat was invited to an open consultations on financial mechanisms for meeting the challenges of ICT for development, organized by UNGIS and hosted by ITU in Geneva, 8-9 October 2009. In the context of providing ICT equipment to developing countries, the Secretariat raised the rapidly growing problem of e-waste and the need for environmentally sound management of electronic waste management in developing countries and countries with economies in transition.
3R Initiative established by the G-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat has continued its contribution to the 3R Initiative, a G-8 initiative to promote the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) globally by participating in the Regional 3R Forum in Asia which was inaugurated on 11-12 November 2009 in Tokyo. At the meeting, the Tokyo 3R Statement Towards the Establishment of the Regional 3R Forum in Asia was agreed.
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat is cooperating with the OSCE for its project on capacity building for combating illegal waste transportation to Eastern Europe. The Secretariat was invited to attend an OSCE conference devoted to good governance at border crossings, improving the security of land transportation and facilitating international transport by road and rail in the OSCE region (Minsk, Belarus 15-16 March 2010).
Interpol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat cooperates with Interpol through the Green Customs Initiative.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participated in the 15th meeting of the Interpol Pollution Crime Working Group (Lyon, 7 October 2009). • The Secretariat is planning the development of an e-learning tool with Interpol. The Secretariat is also cooperating with Interpol in the framework of the Project on Exportation of Electronic Waste.
Global Environment Facility (GEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participates as part of the UNEP observer delegation to GEF. Accordingly, the Secretariat attended the GEF Council meetings in November 2009. • Project proposals which involve BCRCs and the Secretariat have been submitted or are under development by UNEP for co-funding to the GEF Council (see section on UNEP GEF Unit above).
Non-governmental organizations / Networks	
European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cooperation agreement was concluded between the Secretariat and IMPEL in February 2008 so as to foster closer cooperation in areas of mutual interests. The MoU was revised on 5 February 2009 to take into account the new legal nature of the Network. • The Secretariat and the regional Centres based in Egypt, Senegal and Nigeria cooperate with the IMPEL TFS Secretariat for the implementation of the E-wastes Africa project to raise awareness of e-wastes and strengthen the capacity of African countries to monitor and control transboundary movements of e-wastes. The Secretariat participated in the IMPEL TFS project activities on E-wastes in Europe and in Africa.
International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat exchanges information and participated in the activities of the seaport project. The Secretariat shares experience and is seeking cooperation with INECE for the implementation of the Probo Koala programme in Africa. • The Secretariat is also cooperating with INECE's Advisory Committee of the Seaport Environmental Security Network (international Inspections Month project).
Asian Network on the Control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat participated as an observer in the 2010 workshop of the Asian Network on the Control of Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes in Yokohama, Japan (27-29 January 2010).
Solving the E-waste Problem Initiative (StEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secretariat signed a MOU with StEP to strengthen cooperation on policy and projects related to end-of-life computing equipment. StEP is active member of PACE, and the Secretariat is actively involved in the StEP Task Force on policy and legislation.