

SC-4/5: Polychlorinated biphenyls

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Endorses* the proposal by the Secretariat for the establishment of a polychlorinated biphenyls elimination network, as described in the annex to the note by the secretariat on the initiation of a cooperative framework to support Parties in their efforts to eliminate polychlorinated biphenyls through environmentally sound management and disposal,¹ and urges Parties to become members of the partnership;
2. *Invites* the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal to join the network on an equal footing in the spirit of decisions SC-4/34 on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to serve as the preliminary secretary of the network in the implementation of its activities and to report to Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting on progress in establishing the network pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties of the Basel Convention and subject to the possible establishment of a joint secretariat function;
4. *Encourages* developed country Parties to support financially the implementation of the network in addition to meeting their obligations under paragraph 4 of Article 13 of the Convention;
5. *Invites* the donor community, the private sector and other external funding agencies to support the partnership financially with a view to ensuring its successful implementation;
6. *Invites* relevant intergovernmental organizations, donors, holders of polychlorinated biphenyls, non-governmental organizations, experts and the industry and business sectors to seek membership in the network and actively to engage in information exchange towards achieving the goals of the Convention for the environmentally sound management of polychlorinated biphenyls by 2028.