

3. Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention: Part III on Providing further legal clarity

Decision: BC-13/2: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention

Background:

In part III of decision BC-13/2 on the voluntary options for providing further legal clarity, the Conference of the Parties, among others things, adopted the glossary of terms as a piece of guidance and agreed that it is without prejudice to the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX of the Convention, and the legislation and guidance developed at the national level. The Conference of the Parties further agreed to consider the revision of the glossary of terms at the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on the basis of the feedback submitted. To this end, the Conference invited Parties and others to use the glossary of terms, as appropriate, with a view to submitting any comments on it, if any, to the Secretariat not later than 2 months prior to the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

In part III of decision BC-13/2 on the legally binding options for providing further legal clarity, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, decided to establish an expert working group, that is open in nature, to review Annexes I, III, and IV and related aspects of Annex IX of the Basel Convention. The expert working group will have 50 members nominated from Parties on the basis of equitable geographical representation of the five regional groups, and will be open to observers. The Conference requested each regional group to nominate through its Bureau representative 10 experts in the field, and invited Parties to serve as lead countries for the review of Annex IV and related aspects of Annex IX and/or Annexes I and III. Finally, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and observers involved in the expert working group to submit, taking into account the report from Canada, comments on the review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Convention to the Secretariat by 30 September 2017 for consideration of the expert working group.

Follow up:

	Calls for information	Respondents	Methods of submission	Deadlines for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to use the glossary of terms, as appropriate, with a view to submitting any comments on it, if any, to the Secretariat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties • Others 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided	No later than two months before COP-14, i.e. 28 February 2019
(b)	Each regional group is requested to nominate through its Bureau representative 10 experts in the field to become members of the expert working group on the review of the Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX.	Parties through their Bureau representative	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	15 July 2017
(c)	Parties and observers involved in the expert working group are invited to submit, taking into account the report from Canada, comments on the review of Annexes I, III, IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Convention for consideration of the expert working group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parties involved in the expert working group • Observers involved in the expert working group 	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	30 September 2017

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