

#### **4. Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention**

**Decision:** BC-14/5: Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

**Background:**

In decision BC-14/5, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, adopted on an interim basis the revised technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention<sup>1</sup>, acknowledged the need to look further into sub-paragraphs 31(a) and 31(b) of the revised technical guidelines, in particular the concerns of Parties on the distinction between waste and non-waste, to advance the work towards the finalization of the guidelines.

It further decided to extend the mandate of the expert working group established by paragraph 5 of decision BC-13/5 and decided that the expert working group shall continue to consist of twenty-five members nominated by Parties, based on equitable geographical representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations, and shall be open to observers, including those from the Basel Convention regional centres, and may call for additional experts as needed. It requested the expert working group, taking into account, inter alia, the comments received by Parties, to prepare revised draft technical guidelines, and to submit it for consideration of the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

The Conference of the Parties further agreed to consider, at its fifteenth meeting, the technical guidelines as referred to above, taking into account the outcomes of the expert working group and agreed that in the event of outstanding matters, the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, may further extend the mandate of the expert working group, for a limited period.

**Follow up:**

	<b>Calls for information</b>	<b>Respondents</b>	<b>Methods of submission</b>	<b>Deadlines for submission</b>
(a)	Each regional group is invited to reconsider their nomination and nominate, as appropriate, members of the expert working group with relevant knowledge and expertise, through their Bureau representatives, facilitated by the Secretariat.	Parties	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	<b>30 June 2019</b>
(b)	Parties and others are invited to use and test, on a pilot basis, the revised technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention <sup>2</sup> as referred to in paragraph 3 of the decision BC-14/5 and to communicate to the Secretariat that they are doing so.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	No deadline specified in the decision; please submit information as soon as possible.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.6/Rev.1.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.14/7/Add.6/Rev.1.

(c)	Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the pilot test of the revised technical guidelines and the results of using and testing the technical guidelines.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	Two months in advance of the twelfth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, i.e. <b>23 April 2020</b>
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