

8. Further actions to address plastic waste under the Basel Convention

Decision: BC-14/13: Further actions to address plastic waste under the Basel Convention

Background:

In decision BC-14/13, the Conference of the Parties, among other things, noted with concern that high and rapidly increasing levels of marine plastic litter and microplastics represent a serious environmental problem on a global scale, negatively affecting marine biodiversity, ecosystems, fisheries, maritime transport, recreation and tourism, and local societies and economies, and that plastic litter and microplastics can also be found on land and in rivers, wetlands and lakes and acknowledged that more sustainable management, production and use of plastics throughout their life cycle can facilitate plastic waste management and contribute to reducing marine litter and the threat it poses to the environment, to livelihoods of coastal communities and potentially to human health, and reduce the loss of value, resources and energy.

The Conference of the Parties committed itself to working to support efforts to achieve the prevention, the minimization and the environmentally sound management of plastic waste, as well as the effective control of its transboundary movement while calling upon Parties and others to make further efforts at the domestic level to prevent and minimize the generation of plastic waste, including through increasing the durability, reusability and recyclability of plastic products and furthering the repair, refurbishment and remanufacturing of plastic products, where technically and economically feasible, to promote the environmentally sound and efficient management of plastic waste, for example, single-use plastic and fishing gear, by improving the collection, transport, treatment and recycling of plastic waste, to ensure that transboundary movements of plastic waste are undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Convention as well as with related national laws and relevant regional agreements.

The Conference of the Parties further encouraged Parties, taking into account their capabilities, and others, especially the private sector, to make efforts to create new technologies and processes, or improve existing technologies to remove or reduce the use of hazardous constituents in the production of plastics and at any subsequent stage of their life cycle, in order to facilitate plastic waste management, including during the recycling process, and to provide financial and technological support.

Follow up:

	Call for information	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
Technical guidelines				
(a)	Parties are invited to consider serving as lead countries for the updating of the technical guidelines for the identification and environmentally sound management of plastic waste and for their disposal and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so.	Parties	Please send indication of interest to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019
(b)	Parties and others are invited to nominate experts to participate in the small intersessional working group and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	31 August 2019
Basel Convention Partnership on Plastic Waste				
(c)	Parties and others are invited, in accordance with the terms of reference for the partnership, to nominate members of the working	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the	31 August 2019

	group of the Partnership and to inform the Secretariat of their nominations.		contact points provided below.	
Further consideration				
(d)	<p>Parties and others are invited to submit to the Secretariat information on the following plastic waste referred to in entry Y48 in Annex II and entry B3011 in Annex IX to the Convention:</p> <p>(a) Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one cured resin or condensation product including but not limited to the following:</p> <p>(i) Urea formaldehyde resins</p> <p>(ii) Phenol formaldehyde resins</p> <p>(iii) Melamine formaldehyde resins</p> <p>(iv) Epoxy resins</p> <p>(v) Alkyd resins</p> <p>(b) Plastic waste almost exclusively consisting of one of the following fluorinated polymer wastes:</p> <p>(i) Perfluoroethylene/propylene (FEP)</p> <p>(ii) Perfluoro alkoxyl alkane</p> <p>(iii) Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro vinyl ether (PFA)</p> <p>(iv) Tetrafluoroethylene/per fluoro methylvinyl ether (MFA)</p> <p>(v) Polyvinylfluoride (PVF)</p> <p>(vi) Polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF).</p>	Parties Others	Please make submissions to the Secretariat via the contact point provided below.	1 June 2020

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