

10. Providing further legal clarity

- As described in the note by the Secretariat on providing further legal clarity (UNEP/CHW.15/13), the expert working group on the review of Annexes (EWG) has developed recommendations on the review of Annex IV and entries A1180 and B1110 in Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention and is making progress with the review of Annexes I and III.
- Between the online segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in July 2021 and its face-to-face segment in 2022, the EWG is expected to continue its work on the review of Annexes I and III, to further working on its recommended option for the review of the e-waste entries A1180 and B1110, and to develop rationales for its recommended options for possible amendment proposals to Annex IV. This may include an invitation for comments from Parties and observers.
- As also described in document UNEP/CHW.15/13, two amendment proposals have been transmitted for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting: a proposal by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Convention; a proposal by Ghana and Switzerland to amend Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 17 of the Convention, on 19 January 2021, six months before the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat communicated the proposals to the Parties and signatories to the Convention and, for information, to the Depository. To facilitate discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, views from Parties on both amendment proposals were initially invited by 17 March 2021. Given that the proposals will be considered by the Conference of the Parties during its face-to-face segment, the deadline for submitting views is extended to **1 December 2021**. All comments received are available at:
<http://www.basel.int/TheConvention/Amendments/Proposedamendments/tabid/7906/Default.aspx>. The Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources and upon request by the proponents, will facilitate the exchange of information on the proposals in preparation for their consideration during the face-to-face segment of the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- The invitations for comments on the proposed amendments submitted by Parties are summarized below. Any invitation for comments in relation to the work of the expert working group would be communicated separately.

Topic	Document symbol	Respondents	Initial deadline	Extended/new deadline
Proposal by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention	UNEP/CHW.15/13/Add.1	Parties	17 March 2021	1 December 2021
Proposal by Ghana and Switzerland to amend Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Basel Convention	UNEP/CHW.15/13/Add.2	Parties	17 March 2021	1 December 2021

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