

11. Providing further legal clarity

Decision: BC-15/19: Providing further legal clarity

Background:

The Conference of the Parties welcomed the work undertaken by the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and entries A1180 in Annex VIII and B1110 in Annex IX to the Basel Convention. It recalled the mandate of the expert working group as set out in decisions BC-13/2, BC 14/13 and BC-14/16 and decided to remove the review of entries A1180 in Annex VIII and B1110 in Annex IX from the mandate of the group, while acknowledging the need for further discussion on amendments to Annex IV - for example, on the issues listed in paragraphs 4 (a) – 4 (f) of decision BC-15/19.

The Conference of the Parties requested the Open-ended Working Group to consider the proposals by the European Union to amend Annex IV and certain entries in Annexes II and IX to the Basel Convention¹ and the recommendations and findings of the expert working group², taking into account the discussions at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the progress made in the review of Annexes I and III, and to provide recommendations for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth meeting.

Follow-up:

Call for information	Respondents	Deadlines for submission
<p>The regional groups that have not yet nominated 10 experts with relevant expertise to serve as members of the expert working group are invited to do so through their Bureau representatives, with the Secretariat facilitating the nomination process.</p> <p>The current membership of the expert working group³ is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa region: 8 members • Asia and Pacific region: 7 members • Eastern Europe region: 6 members • GRULAC: 6 members • WEOG: 8 members 	Parties, through their Bureau representatives (see below)	31 July 2022

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¹ UNEP/CHW.15/13/Add.1.

² UNEP/CHW.15/INF/18

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