

SC-3/7: Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling resolution 5 adopted by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants on issues related to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and decision INC-6/5 of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants on measures to reduce or eliminate releases of persistent organic pollutants from stockpiles and wastes,

Further recalling decisions SC-1/21 on technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutant wastes and SC-2/6 on measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes and paragraph 2 of Article 6 of the Convention,

1. *Welcomes* with appreciation decision VIII/16 on technical guidelines on persistent organic pollutants, by which the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention at its eighth meeting adopted updated general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants, and four other technical guidelines on specific persistent organic pollutants;¹

2. *Takes note* that the above-mentioned updated general technical guidelines:

(a) Established provisional definitions for low persistent organic pollutant in section III A;

(b) Established a provisional definition for levels of destruction and irreversible transformation in section III B;

(c) Determined methods that are considered to constitute environmentally sound disposal in section IV G;

3. *Reminds* Parties, when implementing their obligations under paragraph 1 of Article 6 of the Convention, to take into account the above-mentioned five technical guidelines;

4. *Encourages* the introduction and demonstration of cost-effective methods, selected from the methods contained in section IV G of the above-mentioned updated general technical guidelines, in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

5. *Welcomes* the continuing work of the relevant bodies of the Basel Convention related to reviewing and updating the technical guidelines regarding persistent organic pollutants;²

6. *Encourages* Parties to the Stockholm Convention to ensure the participation of experts in the ongoing work under the Basel Convention referred to in paragraph 5 above and invites them to submit comments to the Secretariat of the Basel Convention;

7. *Welcomes* the cooperation between the Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and requests the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, to undertake, within available resources, training and other capacity-building activities, including those contained in the note by the Secretariat,³ to assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition in implementing the present decision.

1 See document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/7.

2 See annex I of document UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/7, paragraph 7.

3 UNEP/POPS/COP.3/INF/16.