Annex to decision BC-13/17

Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018–2019

Topics	Activities	Mandate	Priority
I. Strategic issues			
A. Strategic framework	Consider a draft compilation of information related to the indicators in the strategic framework.	Decision BC-13/1	Medium
B. Development of guidelines for environmentally sound management	 Review the progress made in the implementation of the work programme of the expert working group on environmentally sound management. Consider the draft documents developed by the expert working group on environmentally 	Decision BC-13/2	High
II. Scientific and technica	sound management.		
A. Technical guidelines	 1. Consider comments and information relating to a review of provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the general technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-13/4, and other technical guidelines, as appropriate. 2. Update the general technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with persistent organic pollutants and prepare or update specific technical guidelines with regard to the chemicals listed in Annexes A and C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decisions SC-8/10, SC-8/11 and SC-8/12 of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention, including the following: (a) Establishment of levels of destruction and irreversible transformation for the chemicals necessary to ensure that when disposed of they do not exhibit the characteristics of persistent organic pollutants specified in paragraph 1 of Annex D to the Stockholm Convention; (b) Determination of which disposal methods constitute environmentally sound disposal as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Stockholm Convention; (c) Establishment, as appropriate, of the concentration levels of the chemicals in order to define for the Stockholm Convention in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention. 	Decision BC-13/4	High

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	3. Consider comments on the 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 and suggestions for amendments to those guidelines from the expert working group.	Decision BC-13/5	High
	4. Consider the draft updated technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10) and on specially engineered landfill (D5).	Decision BC-13/6	Medium
	5. Consider whether the technical guidelines on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment (D9) and biological treatment (D8) should be updated.		
B. National reporting	Consider the types of wastes for which additional practical guidance on the development of inventories would be useful and prepare recommendations thereon for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.	Decision BC-13/8	High
C. Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention	Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections to the list of wastes in Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention.	Decision VIII/15	High
D. Electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents	Consider work that may be carried out on electronic approaches to the notification and movement documents.	Decision BC-13/17	Medium
E. Marine plastic litter and microplastics	Subject to the availability of resources, consider relevant options available under the Convention to further address marine plastic litter and microplastics, taking into account, <i>inter alia</i> , the assessment requested by the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme in its resolution 2/11, any relevant resolution by the Environment Assembly at its forthcoming third session and existing guidance documents and activities under the Basel Convention that address issues related to marine plastic litter and microplastics, and develop a proposal for possible further action, within the scope of the Convention and avoiding duplication with activities relating to the matter in other forums, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting.	Decision BC-13/17	High
F. Waste containing nanomaterials	Consider further work that may be carried out in relation to waste containing nanomaterials.	Decision BC-13/17	Medium

III. Legal, governance and	l enforcement matters		
A. Consultation with the Committee Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance	Consult with the Committee on the finalization of the guidance to improve the implementation of paragraph 11 of Article 6 of the Convention and on other matters as decided by the Committee.	Decision BC-13/9	High
B. Providing further legal clarity	 Provide guidance to the expert working group on the review of Annexes I, III and IV and related aspects of Annex IX to the Basel Convention. Consider whether to review Annexes II, VIII and IX to the Convention. 	Decision BC-13/2 Decision BC-13/17	High Medium
IV. International coopera	tion and coordination	l	
A. Basel Convention Partnership Programme	 Consider, as needed, a report from the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres on the implementation of activities listed in the work programme set out in the concept note on a follow-up partnership to the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment. Consider progress made with, and provide guidance on the implementation of, the workplan of the working group of the household waste partnership established by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting. 	Decision BC-13/12 Decision BC-13/14	Medium High
B. Cooperation with the World Customs Organization on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System	Consider progress achieved with regard to the inclusion of Basel Convention wastes in the World Customs Organization Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System.	Decision BC-13/7	Medium
V. Programme of work an	nd budget	1	-
Financing and budget for the biennium 2018–2019	Consider the report by the Secretariat on the status of the implementation of decision BC-13/24 on the programme of work and proposed budget for the Basel Convention for the biennium 2018–2019.	Decision BC-13/24	Medium