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**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention  
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of  
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal****Tenth meeting**

Nairobi, 30 May–2 June 2016

Item 4 of the provisional agenda\*

**Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group  
for 2018–2019****Work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for  
2018–2019****Note by the Secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. At its thirteenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal is expected to adopt the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for the biennium 2018–2019. In preparation for that process, and in accordance with its usual practice, the Secretariat has prepared a draft work programme set out in the annex to the present note for consideration by the Working Group at its tenth meeting.

**II. Proposed action**

2. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to adopt a decision along the following lines:

*The Open-ended Working Group*

1. *Takes note* of the draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Invites* parties and others to submit to the Secretariat comments on the draft work programme by 30 September 2016, and requests the Secretariat to make the comments available on the website of the Basel Convention;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to revise the draft work programme, in consultation with the Bureau of the Open-ended Working Group and the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and taking into account the discussions at the tenth meeting of the Working Group, for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

4. *Also requests* the Secretariat to prepare a draft decision on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019 for consideration and possible adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

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\* UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/1.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/12, annex.

**Annex****Draft work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2018–2019**

<i>Topics</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Priority</i>
<b>I. Strategic issues</b>			
A. Strategic framework	Review the revised report on the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021	Decision BC-10/2	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	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
C. Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes	Review the progress that parties and others have made in the implementation of the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration	Decision BC-13/[...] Report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its tenth meeting (UNEP/CHW.10/28, annex IV)	High
<b>II. Scientific and technical matters</b>			
A. Technical guidelines	1. Undertake work towards a review of all provisional low persistent organic pollutant content values in the technical guidelines referred to in decision BC-13/[...] 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, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants by decision[s] SC-8/[...] 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 low persistent organic pollutant content as referred to in paragraph 1 (d) (ii) of Article 6 of the Convention	Decision BC-13/[...]	High  High
	3. Review the technical guidelines on incineration on land (D10), on specially engineered landfill (D5) and on hazardous waste physico-chemical treatment (D9) and biological treatment (D8)	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium

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B. Amendments to the annexes to the Basel Convention	Consider and review any applications for changes and any corrections to the list of wastes contained in Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention	Decision VIII/15	High
<b>III. Legal, governance and enforcement matters</b>			
A. Consultation with the Committee for Administering the Mechanism for Promoting Implementation and Compliance of the Basel Convention	Consult with the Committee in line with the work programme of the Committee	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
B. Providing further legal clarity (country-led initiative)	1. Consider recommendations on the review of Annex IV and related issues under Annex IX to the Convention	Decision BC-13/[...]	High
	2. Consider recommendations on the review of Annexes I and III to the Convention		Medium
<b>IV. International cooperation and coordination</b>			
Basel Convention Partnership Programme	1. Consider the report of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment ad hoc follow-up group	Decision BC-13/[...]	Medium
	2. Consider the report of the Partnership Working Group including its recommendations; based on these and the outcome of discussions, submit recommendations to the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting for its consideration and possible adoption	Decision BC-13/[...]	High