



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

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**Matters related to the work programme of the
Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017:
strategic issues: strategic framework**

Preparation of the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. At its tenth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal adopted decision BC-10/2, on the strategic framework for the implementation of the Basel Convention for 2012–2021, by which it adopted the strategic framework set out in the annex to that decision and encouraged parties to take specific actions to implement it through the activities listed in the biennial programme of work. Parties and others in a position to do so were called upon to mobilize resources and to provide financial and other resources, including in-kind support, for the implementation of the strategic framework.

2. Pursuant to section VI of the strategic framework, the Secretariat is required to prepare reports on the continued relevance of and progress in relation to the strategic framework for the purpose of:

(a) A mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

(b) A final evaluation of the strategic framework to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its fifteenth meeting.

In addition, in paragraph 17 of the strategic framework, parties were invited to provide information relevant to the indicators contained in section V of the strategic framework to the Secretariat by 31 December 2012 for the year 2011 in order to create a baseline for the above-mentioned evaluations.

* UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/1.

II. Implementation

3. Following the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat initiated work to support the development of mid-term and final evaluations of the strategic framework through the creation of a baseline based on year 2011 information to be submitted by parties. The Secretariat developed a format for reporting to facilitate the collection of such information and prepared a report on the creation of a baseline for the mid-term and final evaluations of the strategic framework for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting.¹

4. Noting that few parties had submitted information for the baseline required for the evaluations, the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, in its decision BC-11/2, invited those parties that had not already done so to submit such information to the Secretariat and requested the Secretariat to further develop the baseline report for submission to the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its ninth meeting.

5. At its ninth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group took note of the baseline report, which the Secretariat had developed based on information submitted by 35 parties.² Subsequently, the baseline report was submitted as an information document for the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,³ at which the Secretariat advised that it intended to collect updated information using the format for reporting that it had developed and to prepare a report on the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework in advance of the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.⁴

III. Proposed action

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

The Open-ended Working Group

1. *Invites* parties to provide to the Secretariat, by 30 September 2016, information for the year 2015 relevant to the indicators listed in section V of the strategic framework set out in the annex to decision BC-10/2, as requested in paragraph 17 of the strategic framework, using the format for reporting developed by the Secretariat;⁵

2. *Requests* the Secretariat, on the basis of information received pursuant to paragraph 1 above, to prepare a report on the mid-term evaluation of the strategic framework to be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting.

¹ UNEP/CHW.11/INF/6.

² UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/3.

³ UNEP/CHW.12/INF/5.

⁴ UNEP/CHW.12/27, para. 58.

⁵ UNEP/CHW.12/INF/5, annex.