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**Matters related to the work programme of the
Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017:
strategic issues: Cartagena Declaration on the
Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous
Wastes and Other Wastes**

Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. By its decision BC-12/2, on the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal adopted the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration set out in the annex to that decision and invited parties and other stakeholders to undertake activities to implement the road map and to provide information on such activities to the Secretariat.
2. In addition, by the same decision, the Conference of the Parties decided to mandate the expert working group on environmentally sound management to develop guidance to assist parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and invited parties to consider serving as a lead country within the group to carry out the work on the development of the guidance.
3. To that end, in paragraph 7 of decision BC-12/1, on the follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention, the Conference of the Parties requested each regional group to nominate through its Bureau representative, by 31 July 2015, one expert with specific knowledge and expertise in the field of waste prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes, bringing the total membership of the expert working group on environmentally sound management¹ to 30 members.

* UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/1.

¹ Further information on the activities of the expert working group on environmentally sound management is set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/3.

4. In paragraph 4 of decision BC-12/2, the Conference of the Parties requested the Secretariat to submit a report on progress made in implementation of the road map to the Open-ended Working Group for consideration at its tenth meeting and subsequently to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and possible adoption at its thirteenth meeting.

II. Implementation

5. In response to the request in paragraph 7 of decision BC-12/1, the Secretariat received nominations from three regional groups to the expert working group on environmentally sound management for experts with specific knowledge and expertise in the field of waste prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes. As at 11 December 2015, nominations were yet to be received from the Central and Eastern European region and Western European and other States.

6. The expert working group met in San Francisco, United States of America, from 10 to 12 November 2015. At the meeting, the group initiated its work on the development of guidance to assist parties, as appropriate, in developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal, taking into account the prevention manual developed by the expert working group on environmentally sound management.² The group developed a proposed table of contents for the guidance and agreed to work intersessionally on the document to progress it further.

7. An outline of the guidance to assist parties, as appropriate, in developing efficient strategies for achieving the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal is set out in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/5.

8. In response to the invitation in paragraph 2 of decision BC-12/2 to provide information on activities undertaken to implement the road map, as at 11 December 2015 the Secretariat had received one submission. That and any other submissions that may have been received subsequently are available on the website of the Basel Convention.³

III. Proposed action

9. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to take note of the progress made in implementation of the road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimization and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes.

² UNEP/CHW.12/3/Add.2.

³ <http://www.basel.int/tabid/2202/Default.aspx>.