BC-10/17: Environmentally sound dismantling of ships

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision IX/30,

I

Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships

1. Notes that, while some parties believe that the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships provides an equivalent level of control and enforcement to that established under the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, some parties do not believe this to be the case;

2. Encourages parties to ratify the Hong Kong Convention to enable its early entry into force;

3. Acknowledges that the Basel Convention should continue to assist countries to apply the Basel Convention as it relates to ships;

II

International cooperation and technical assistance activities on the environmentally sound management of ship dismantling

4. Underlines the importance of continued inter-agency cooperation between the International Labour Organization, the International Maritime Organization and the Basel Convention on issues related to ship dismantling, as appropriate;

5. Welcomes the development of implementation programmes relating to sustainable ship recycling;

6. Calls upon all parties and other stakeholders in a position to do so to make financial or in kind contributions to the implementation of activities under the relevant programmes relating to sustainable ship recycling;

7. Requests the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funding, to continue its work and to develop further the programmes for sustainable ship recycling in conjunction with other bodies, in particular the International Maritime Organization and the International Labour Organization, and to report thereon to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session and to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

8. Also requests the Secretariat to continue to follow developments in relation to the Hong Kong Convention, in particular the development of the guidelines in that regard, and to report thereon to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session and to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

9. Further requests the Secretariat to transmit the present decision to the International Maritime Organization for consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee at its sixty-third session.

BC-10/18: Instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic

The Conference of the Parties

1. Expresses its appreciation to the small expert group convened to develop a draft instruction manual for the legal profession on the prosecution of illegal traffic;

2. Approves the instruction manual on the prosecution of illegal traffic;

3. Encourages parties to use the manual to train, as appropriate, prosecutors and the judiciary and to take all practical steps to include relevant elements of the manual in the national training curricula of such enforcement personnel;

25 UNEP/CHW.10/12/Add.1.
4. **Requests** the Secretariat, subject to the availability of funding, to publish the manual in the six official languages of the United Nations and to organize training activities, in collaboration with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, the secretariats of other multilateral environmental agreements and other international organizations, agencies or programmes;

5. **Expresses** its appreciation to the European Commission and the Government of Norway for the financial support that they provided for the development and dissemination of the manual.

**BC-10/19: Basel Convention Partnership Programme**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

**Recalling** decision VIII/5 on the Basel Convention Partnership Programme and decision IX/7, by which the Conference of the Parties adopted the Partnership Programme workplan for 2009–2011 and requested the Secretariat to submit to it at its tenth meeting a draft workplan for 2012–2013,

**Acknowledging** the progress made in developing and strengthening partnerships and programmes of activities on the environmentally sound management of waste and the financial support provided to the Partnership Programme by parties and others,

**Recalling** the work plan of the Partnership for Action on Computing Equipment set out in the annex to decision BC-10/20,

1. **Welcomes** the progress made under the Partnership Programme;

2. **Takes note** of the indicative list of existing partnerships with which the Secretariat could cooperate set out in the annex to the present decision;

3. **Requests** the Secretariat:
   (a) To continue, subject to the availability of financial resources, to implement actively the Partnership Programme as a key instrument for supporting the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention in conjunction with all relevant and interested partners;
   (b) To follow closely international developments in respect of public and private partnerships on waste-related issues and to seek to expand involvement in partnerships to promote the guidelines and tools developed under the Convention and raise awareness and the visibility of the Convention and its obligations and provisions;
   (c) To provide information to the Open-ended Working Group at its eighth session on progress and on initiatives to expand Convention involvement in partnerships and related projects and activities in the context of its report on international cooperation;
   (d) To submit a progress report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting;

4. **Requests** the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to strengthen further their engagement in the work of the Partnership Programme, as appropriate, and to develop thematic multi-stakeholder partnerships for their regions to help in undertaking capacity-building efforts;

5. **Urges** parties, signatories and all stakeholders in a position to do so to provide financial and in kind support for the work of the Partnership Programme;

6. **Encourages** parties, signatories and other stakeholders to become actively involved in global and regional partnerships;

7. **Calls** upon parties to facilitate broader participation in the Partnership Programme by civil society, including environmental non-governmental organizations, the private sector and industry, to provide technical and financial support for the programme and to become involved in specific activities at the national, regional and international levels.