

DECISIONS BY BC COP 12 AND SC COP 7 RELATED TO THE REGIONAL CENTRES



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TWELFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL CONVENTION (BC COP 12)

- **BC-12/2: Road map for action on the implementation of the Cartagena Declaration**
- Annex I: Roadmap
- Regional centres has been made responsible actor for 3 out of 4 following areas:
 - Information gathering
 - Enhancement of waste prevention
 - Engagement with relevant stakeholders

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BC-12/6: National reporting

8. *Requests* the Secretariat:

- (g) To continue to provide, subject to the availability of resources, training to developing countries and other countries that are in need of assistance to meet their reporting obligations by organizing training activities in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional centres or by other appropriate means;

9. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional centres to continue to provide assistance to parties to assist them in meeting their reporting obligations with a view to transmitting to the Secretariat national reports that are, to the extent possible, complete and on time;

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BC-12/9 and SC-7/16: Technical assistance

8. *Emphasizes* the key role of the regional centres, as contained in the provisions of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, as well as the regional and subregional offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in delivering technical assistance upon request at the regional level regarding the implementation of the technical assistance programme and facilitating technology transfer to eligible parties;

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BC-12/10 and SC-7/17: Regional and coordinating/subregional centres

10. *Requests* the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to submit to the Secretariat:

- (a) Their business plans for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2019 by 30 September 2015;
- (b) Their activity reports for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016 by 31 December 2016 for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting;

12. *Decides* to evaluate, ... the performance and sustainability of the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres at its fourteenth meeting and every four years thereafter;

16. *Invites* all regional centres and coordinating centres undertaking activities on mercury-related issues ... to provide the relevant information,;

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BC -12/11: Implementation of decision V/32 on the enlargement of the scope of the Trust Fund

Experts shall be selected according to expertise, language and geographical criteria. **Regional centres under the Basel Convention could provide experts on issues pertaining to management of hazardous wastes and other wastes under the Basel Convention.** The experts shall be selected by the Executive Secretary of the secretariat of the Basel Convention and nominated to the UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit.



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BC-12/20: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

SC-7/28: Enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions

II. Methodology

4. The Secretariat will hire an independent assessor to carry out the review work. The assessor will collect information from parties on their experiences regarding the synergies arrangements. The assessor will use various methods for that purpose such as questionnaires and interviews with parties, taking into account regional and gender balance, as well as with members of the bureaux and subsidiary bodies, Secretariat staff based in Geneva and in Rome, the Basel and Stockholm regional centres and relevant stakeholders.

5. The report on the results of the review will consider the synergies arrangements from the viewpoint of the parties, the Secretariat and other stakeholders at the national, regional and global levels.

6. The review will cover the period from the adoption of the first synergies decisions in 2005 to 2015.

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II. Methodology (cont.)

7. The assessor will also consider the following reports and, when relevant, the actions taken by the conferences of the parties in furtherance of the recommendations set out therein:

(i) Relevant reports from the regional centres;

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III. Report on the results of the review

8. A report on the results of the review of the synergies arrangements will be presented to the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions at their meetings in 2017. The report will include the following elements:

(c) Review of implementation and impact at all levels of the following joint activities:

(iii) Regional centres;

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BC-12/21: Clearing-house mechanism for information exchange

Requests the Secretariat:

(a) To provide for the biennium 2016–2017, within available resources, access to thematic information relevant to the conventions through the clearing-house mechanism, including from parties and other stakeholders, on the following priority areas:

(xi) Regional centres;

THANK YOU!