

## **BC-11/17: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization**

### *The Conference of the Parties*

1. *Welcomes* the information contained in the note by the Secretariat on cooperation between the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the International Maritime Organization;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Expresses* its appreciation to the secretariat of the International Maritime Organization for its cooperation with the Secretariat, including in the framework of the development of the successive iterations of the legal analysis on the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous and other wastes generated on board ships;
3. *Takes note* of the revised legal analysis of the application of the Basel Convention to hazardous wastes and other wastes generated on board ships and *takes note* of the conclusions therein;<sup>2</sup>
4. *Requests* the Secretariat:
  - (a) To keep the International Maritime Organization informed of any developments on the subject of the present decision arising in the context of the Basel Convention and to monitor any consideration by the Marine Environment Protection Committee and Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization of issues of relevance to the Basel Convention;
  - (b) To continue, as appropriate, to cooperate with the International Maritime Organization to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention in these matters;
  - (c) To continue, as appropriate, its cooperation with the International Organization for Standardization;
5. *Reiterates* the invitation to parties contained in decision BC-10/16 to undertake an assessment on how far the current Basel Convention technical guidelines cover wastes covered by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, or to provide funds to enable the Secretariat to undertake such an assessment, in close consultation with the International Maritime Organization;
6. *Also reiterates* the request to the Secretariat contained in decision BC-10/16 in respect of the development of a guidance manual, in cooperation with the International Maritime Organization, on how to improve the sea-land interface to ensure that wastes falling within the scope of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and as further amended by the Protocol of 1997, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner, subject to the availability of resources;
7. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.11/17.

<sup>2</sup> UNEP/CHW.11/INF/22.