

5. Invitations related to decision OEWG-10/5 on the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

Decision: OEWG-10/5: Technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention

Background:

1. At its twelfth meeting, by decision BC-12/5, the Conference of the Parties adopted on an interim basis the technical guidelines on transboundary movements of electrical and electronic waste and used electrical and electronic equipment, in particular regarding the distinction between waste and non-waste under the Basel Convention.
2. In paragraph 5 of decision BC-12/5, the Conference of the Parties acknowledged the need to look further into the guidance on the distinction between waste and non-waste, and agreed to include the further elaboration of work on this issue in the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group for 2016–2017 in order to prepare draft revised guidelines for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirteenth meeting, in particular with reference to paragraphs 31 (a) and 31 (b) of the technical guideline on the following issues:
 - (a) Residual lifetime and age of used equipment;
 - (b) Management of hazardous wastes from failure analysis, repair and refurbishment operations in developing countries;
 - (c) Obsolete technologies, including cathode ray tubes; and
 - (d) Presence of hazardous components in used equipment.
3. At its tenth meeting, the Open-ended Working Group took note of the compilation of comments received from Parties and others on the outstanding issues regarding the technical guidelines set out in document (UNEP/CHW/OEWG.10/INF/22).
4. By decision OEWG-10/5, the Open-ended Working Group invited Parties and others to join the small intersessional working group on e-waste and invited Parties to consider serving as lead country or to provide financial support for further development of the technical guidelines. Additionally, the Working Group invited Parties to provide responses to an online questionnaire, to be prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the small intersessional working group on e-waste, which would aim at gathering information on their experiences in the implementation of the technical guidelines. Parties and others were also invited to provide comments on the issues mentioned in paragraph 5 of decision BC-12/5.

Invitations:

	Invitations	Respondents	Method of submission	Deadline for submission
(a)	Parties and others are invited to join the small intersessional working group on e-waste established under decision BC-10/5.	Parties and others	Please send an email indicating your interest in joining the small intersessional working group on e-waste to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	Deadline not specified

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(b)	Interested Parties are invited to consider serving as lead country, or to provide financial support, for further development of the technical guidelines, in consultation with the small intersessional working group, and to inform the Secretariat of their willingness to do so.	Interested Parties	Please send an email indicating your interest in serving as lead country, or providing financial support, for further development of the technical guidelines to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	Deadline not specified
(c)	Parties are invited to provide responses to the questionnaire to gather information on their experiences in the implementation of the technical guidelines.	Parties	The Secretariat will send out a questionnaire, to be developed in consultation with the small intersessional working group, to Parties and others by 29 July 2016 , in order to gather information on their experiences in the implementation of the technical guidelines. Please respond to that questionnaire.	15 January 2017
(d)	Parties and others are invited to provide comments on the issues mentioned in paragraph 5 of decision BC-12/5.	Parties and others	Please submit comments to the Secretariat contact point provided below.	30 October 2016

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