

**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements
of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
Seventeenth meeting**

Geneva, 28 April–9 May 2025

Agenda item 4 (b) (vi)

**Matters related to the implementation of the Convention:
scientific and technical matters: amendments to Annexes II,
VIII and IX on e-waste**

**Draft decision BC-17/[--]: Amendments to Annexes II, VIII and
IX on e-waste**

Note by the Secretariat

The text below reflects the discussions in plenary during the afternoon session on Sunday,
4 May 2025.

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Agrees* to the updates of the documents referred to in paragraph 1 of decision BC-16/12 to reflect adjustments consequential to the adoption of the e-waste amendments, as set out in the annex to document UNEP/CHW.17/10/Add.1/Rev.1, and as reflected in documents UNEP/CHW.17/5/Add.2/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/19/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/20/Rev.2, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/21/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/22/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/23, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/24, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/25/Rev.1, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/26, UNEP/CHW.17/INF/27 and UNEP/CHW.17/INF/28;
2. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to reflect adjustments consequential to the adoption of the e-waste amendments, set out in decision BC-15/18, in the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes containing or contaminated with unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants, set out in document UNEP/CHW.13/6/Add.5/Rev.1, and in the technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of the full and partial dismantling of ships, set out in the print version of document UNEP/CHW.6/23;
3. *Also requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to disseminate the updated documents referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above to Parties and others in the six official languages of the United Nations;
4. *Further requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to reflect adjustments consequential to the adoption of the e-waste amendments, set out in decision BC-15/18, in the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes consisting of, containing or contaminated with mercury or mercury compounds,¹ taking into consideration decision BC-17/[--] on technical guidelines as it relates to those technical guidelines;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit the draft updated documents referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 above for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal at

¹ UNEP/CHW.15/6/Add.6/Rev.1.

its fifteenth meeting and the updated draft document referred to in paragraph 4 above to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to delete all references to the entries A1180 and B1110 and the related footnotes in all documents revised to include amendments consequential to the adoption of the e-waste amendments according to decision BC-15/18, once those amendments have entered into force for all Parties to the Convention;

7. *Decides* that a guidance document should be developed on the identification of electrical and electronic waste under the new entries adopted by decision BC-15/18, as well as on the distinction between waste that is to be classified as electrical and electronic waste (Y49 or A1181) and waste that is related to such electrical and electronic waste, but can be classified under another entry in Annex II, VIII or IX;

8. *Invites* Parties to consider serving as lead country for the development of the guidance document referred to in paragraph 7 above and to inform the Secretariat by 31 July 2025 of their willingness to do so;

9. *Decides* to expand the mandate of the expert working group on the development of technical guidelines on e-waste to include the development of the guidance document referred to in paragraph 7 above;

10. *Requests* the lead country or countries or, if there is no lead country or countries, the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, in consultation with the expert working group, to prepare a draft of the guidance document referred to in paragraph 7 above for consideration by the Open-ended Working Group at its fifteenth meeting and by the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting;

11. *Requests* the Secretariat to report on the implementation of the present decision to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifteenth meeting and to the Conference of the Parties at its eighteenth meeting.
