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**Open-ended Working Group of the Basel Convention
on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal**
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**Implementation of the decisions adopted by the Conference
of the Parties at its seventh meeting:
Basel Convention Partnership Programme (decision VII/3)**

Basel Convention Partnership Programme

Note by the Secretariat

I. Background

1. By its decision VII/3, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal at its seventh meeting adopted the work plan of the Basel Convention Partnership Programme for 2005–2006.

II. Implementation

2. In accordance with the objectives of the Partnership Programme, the Secretariat has initiated and carried out several activities since the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Those activities are described in document UNEP/CHW/OEWG/4/INF/11.

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III. Proposed action

3. The Open-ended Working Group may wish to consider a decision along the following lines:

The Open-ended Working Group,

Welcoming the progress made in the implementation of the work plan for the Basel Convention Partnership Programme for 2005–2006,

Noting with gratitude the funds provided by Parties and signatories to support the Partnership Programme,

Mindful of the importance of putting in place public-private partnerships to achieve the goals of the Basel Convention,

Recognizing the challenges of bringing together interested stakeholders and the need for additional financial resources to carry out the Partnership Programme,

Re-emphasizing its commitment to develop an effective resource mobilization strategy to support the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention and the Partnership Programme,

1. *Notes* with appreciation the activities carried out by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to implement the Partnership Programme;
2. *Encourages* Parties actively to participate in and contribute to the implementation of the Partnership Programme, including by developing initiatives of their own;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to pursue its efforts, within available resources, to develop further partnerships on key activities identified in the Partnership Programme;
4. *Invites* Parties and others to provide in-kind and voluntary contributions to support the key activities of the Partnership Programme;
5. *Encourages* stakeholders, in particular industry, to join in the efforts undertaken by Parties to implement the Partnership Programme, in particular regarding the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic equipment;
6. *Also requests* the Secretariat to report to the fifth session of the Open-ended Working Group on the implementation of the Partnership Programme.