

RC-11/6: Technical assistance

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report on the implementation of the technical assistance plan for the period 2022–2025 in the biennium 2022–2023,¹ including capacity-building activities for the implementation of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade and the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, and of the database summarizing technical assistance needs;²

2. *Invites* developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to submit to the Secretariat through an online questionnaire, by 31 March 2024, information on their needs for technical assistance and technology transfer, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. Parties may coordinate their replies and submit them jointly;

3. *Invites* developed-country Parties and others with the capacity to do so to submit to the Secretariat through an online questionnaire, by 31 March 2024, information on the technical assistance and technology that they have available to be transferred, in accordance with the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, to developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition;

4. *Emphasizes* the key role of the regional centres, as described in the provisions of the Basel and Stockholm conventions, as well as the roles of the regional, subregional and country offices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme and other participating organizations of the Inter-Organization Programme for the Sound Management of Chemicals, in delivering technical assistance upon request, particularly at the regional level, for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, and facilitating technology transfer to eligible Parties, and invites the regional centres and others in a position to do so to continue to provide and prioritize capacity-building relating to legal and institutional frameworks;

5. *Encourages* Parties, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Global Environment Facility and the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, according to their mandates and the priorities that have been established, to continue to support the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2022–2025;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources:

(a) To continue to implement the technical assistance plan for the period 2022–2025 in cooperation with relevant actors;

(b) To develop online questionnaires to collect information from Parties in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the present decision, to continue to update the technical assistance needs database accordingly, to make that information available on the websites of the conventions, and to prepare a report on the assessment of the information on the needs of developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for technical assistance and technology transfer, based on the information submitted by Parties;

(c) To continue to include information on the monitoring and evaluation of projects undertaken under the technical assistance plan for the period 2022–2025 in the report requested in paragraph 7 of the present decision;

¹ UNEP/CHW.16/INF/28–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.11/INF/17–UNEP/POPS/COP.11/INF/25.

² www.brsmeas.org/tabid/4898.

(d) To develop a technical assistance plan for the period 2026–2029, taking into account the reports referred to in subparagraphs 6 (b) and (c) of the present decision, and to present it for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting;

7. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting on the implementation of the present decision.