

Joint Initiatives on preventing and combating illegal traffic



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- Country Led Initiative (CLI) Decision BC-10/3:
- *Requests* the Secretariat to build on and enhance existing actions to **stimulate cooperation** between existing networks of enforcement agencies, including INECE, IMPEL, the Asian Network for Prevention of Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and the Green Customs Initiative;
- *Requests* the Secretariat to **stimulate the formation of new networks**, in particular with other enforcement organizations or in regions where such networks currently do not exist.

- Implementation and Compliance Committee: Decision BC-10/11:
- Mandate to develop draft **terms of reference for cooperative arrangements on preventing and combating illegal traffic** to bring together and improve cooperation and coordination between relevant entities with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities on preventing and combating illegal traffic with a focus on the development of tools and training materials, the hosting of workshops and information exchange, for consideration and possible adoption at COP-11.

- National legislation, enforcement and combating illegal traffic : Decision BC-10/13 (abstract):
 - *Welcomes* the active engagement of the WCO, INTERPOL, GCI, the BCRCs and relevant NGOs and networks in preventing and combating illegal traffic in hazardous and other wastes and invites those organizations and networks to continue their **collaboration with the Secretariat** on activities aimed at assisting parties to prevent and combat illegal traffic
 - *Encourages* parties: (b) To **enhance cooperation** with existing international organizations, agencies and programmes and to participate actively in enforcement training activities, exchanges of inspectors and train-the-trainers programmes in collaboration with, among others, the INECE, GCI, IMPEL TFS;

- Decision BC-10/13 (continued):
 - *Urges* parties to improve cooperation and coordination among entities working to prevent and combat illegal traffic in hazardous and other wastes **at the national level**, including through the development of cooperative agreements between those entities;
 - *Requests* the Secretariat, subject to availability of funding, to organize **enforcement training activities, in collaboration with** the BCRCs, the secretariats of other relevant MEAs and other international organizations, agencies or programmes, to assist parties, particularly developing-country parties and parties with economies in transition, to develop national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the Convention and to prevent and punish illegal traffic;

Synergies decisions: BC COP-10, SC COP-4 and RC COP-4

I Organizational issues in the field

A. Coordination at the national level

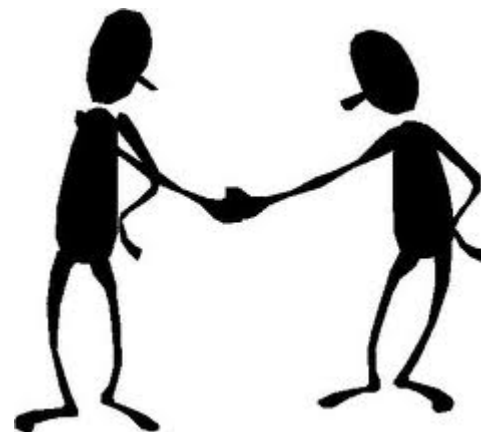
Recommends that Parties, when including the three conventions, including through capacity-building and technical assistance, ensure close cooperation and coordination among relevant sectors, ministries or programmes at the national level with respect to, among others things,

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(c) combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes

What are Enforcement Networks?

- A **structured cooperation** between the various actors involved in the enforcement chain
- Role for:
 - National entities (eg. environment ministries, Customs, Police, Prosecutors, Judges)
 - International entities (eg. Interpol, WCO)
 - Individuals, NGOs, private sector, BCRCs



To **tackle illegal traffic** more effectively, for instance, by:

- Raising **awareness** and **understanding**
- Promoting **dialogue** and encouraging **cooperation**
- Exchanging **information** and sharing **best practices**
- **Building capacity** in enforcing environmental protection legislation
- Developing **coordinated, harmonized or common** approaches

There are different types of Enforcement Networks based on:

- Purpose
- Mandate
- Scope and activities
- Legal nature and governance structure
- Membership and observers
- Geographical scope

Secretariat cooperative activities with enforcement networks

- Continuous cooperation with existing enforcement networks and organizations
- UNEP/Interpol 1st International Chiefs of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement summit (Lyon, France, March 2012)
- Prosecutors workshops (2012 and 2013)
- Establishment of EU-Africa e-waste enforcement network in the framework of its e-waste Africa project
- Meeting of Enforcement Networks (Geneva, 2-3 October 2012)
- Fact sheets on enforcement networks:

<http://www.basel.int/Implementation/LegalMatters/CountryLedInitiative/OutcomeofCOP10/Combatingillegaltraffickmoreeffectively/tabid/2677/Default.aspx>

Existing Enforcement Networks

- Asian Network for Prevention of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes
- Asian Regional Partners Forum on Combating Environmental Crime (ARPEC)
- BCRCs / SCRCs
- Designated Country Contacts under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions
- European Network for Environmental Crime (ENVICRIMENET)
- European Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL TFS)
- European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (ENPE)
- Global Network of Environmental Prosecutors (GNPE, INECE)
- Green Customs Initiative (GCI)
- International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)
- International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement : Seaport Environmental Security Network (INECE SESN)
- INTERPOL
- Regional Enforcement Network for Chemicals and Waste (Project REN)
- World Customs Organization (WCO)

- **Terms of reference on cooperative arrangements**
- Draft 8 June 2012
- OEWG-8 consultations (25-28 September 2012)
- MEN consultations (2-3 October 2012)
- ICC-9 (8-9 November 2012)
- Revised TORs for COP11 consideration and possible adoption (28 April-10 May 2013)

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