



## BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

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## Partnership on Household Wastes under the Basel Convention

17. The Basel Convention deals with two categories of waste: "hazardous wastes" and "other wastes", which cover household waste and the residues from incineration of household wastes. Household wastes, which comprise of a large portion of plastic wastes, if not managed and disposed of properly, are a significant source of marine

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and planning for the second phase of the project. Thanks to generous financial support provided by the European Union, the Secretariat contributed both funding and expertise to the work on planning for the management of hazardous materials and wastes by facilitating the development of an inventory of hazardous wastes in Chittagong, the current locus of ship recycling in Bangladesh. The inventory was completed in June 2016 and covers wastes arising not only from ship recycling but also from other industries in Chittagong. In parallel, the Secretariat worked with the Ministry of Climate Change in Pakistan to develop a similar inventory of hazardous wastes for the Gadani ship recycling region and the neighbouring industrial area of Hub. On the basis of the results of the inventories, design options and costings were elaborated, including business models, for the development of hazardous waste management infrastructure in both Bangladesh and Pakistan, where currently no such capacity exists. The projects were finalized in 2016 with donor round-table meetings in both countries to identify opportunities for securing the necessary funding to develop waste management infrastructure and to train workers. At its meeting in May 2017, the Conference of the Parties welcomed the programmes developed to promote sustainable ship recycling.

**Paragraphs 239: Cooperation between the Basel Convention and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on regulations on the prevention of pollution from ships**

24. The Secretariat of the Basel Convention is collaborating with the IMO on activities aiming at improving the sea-land interface to ensure that wastes generated on board ships falling within the scope of MARPOL, once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner. This work aims at assisting countries to provide adequate port reception facilities for the disposal of ship-generated wastes in an environmentally sound manner which will decrease the risk of illegal discharges from ships.

25. Pursuant to decision BC-13/15, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention adopted the guidance manual on how to improve the sea-land interface<sup>4</sup> aimed at ensuring that wastes falling within the scope of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto, as amended (MARPOL), once offloaded from a ship, are managed in an environmentally sound manner. The Conference of the Parties invited Parties and others to use the guidance manual, and requested the Secretariat to continue its cooperation with the IMO and the International Organization for Standardization.

26. At its twelfth meeting, in May 2015, the Conference of the Parties had taken note with appreciation of the assessment on how far the current Basel







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### III. Information on capacity-building initiatives under the Conventions<sup>8</sup>

**Type:** Clearing-house mechanism of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions

**Duration:** Continuous

**Scope:** Global

**Objectives:** The Clearing-

