



**BAMA KO CONVENTION**

**Conference of the States Parties**

*First Session*

*Bamako, Mali*

*24-26 June 2013*

**DECISION 1/20 – Transmission of information**

**The Conference:**

**Recalling** Article 13 of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa<sup>1</sup>;

**Recognizing that** the fulfillment of obligations under Article 13 of the Convention might constitute a burden for most of the Parties

**Hereby:**

1. **Endorses** on an interim basis the Transmission of Information Form annexed hereto (Annex I);
2. **Requests** the Parties to provide reports in accordance with Article 13 for the calendar year 2014 using this Form as endorsed by this meeting;
3. **Instructs** the Legal and Technical Working Group (LTWG) to revise and amend the Form for consideration at the next Conference of the Parties;
4. **Requests** the Secretariat to prepare country-fact sheets after Parties have fulfilled their first reporting requirements and subsequent ones under the Bamako Convention and to make such information available on a regular basis to the Parties, Non Parties, any other related Convention Secretariats, institutions and agencies having a direct interest in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.
5. **Further requests** the Secretariat to provide Parties with advice for the management of information on hazardous wastes;
6. **Encourages** the Secretariat to seek and identify the necessary funding to assist Parties upon request to set up procedures and other arrangements to facilitate the collection of their data and the preparation of inventories of hazardous wastes;
7. **Encourages** the Parties that are in a position to do so to collaborate with and assist the Parties in need in setting up procedures and other arrangements to facilitate the collection of data and preparation of inventories of hazardous wastes;
8. **Further requests** the Secretariat to establish a clearinghouse mechanism and link it to other relevant clearinghouses or databases managed by regional organizations or members, and also with other relevant Secretariats of Conventions.
9. **Encourages** the Secretariat to identify necessary funds to hold a training workshop on Reporting and Inventories of Hazardous Wastes for focal points, competent authorities and Dump watches.

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<sup>1</sup> **Art. 13** establishes procedures for transmission of information among Parties and between the Parties and the Secretariat.

ANNEX I: Transmission of Information Form – Cover page

**Secretariat of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa**

**Questionnaire on “Transmission of Information” (in accordance with Articles 13 of the Bamako Convention)**

**Reporting for the year ...**  
*Please fill in the following*

**Country:**

**Date when form completed(D/M/Y): -- / -- / ----**

**Name of the person who completed the questionnaire:**

**Title:**

**Address:**

**Telephone no:**

**Fax no:**

**E-mail:**

To request an electronic version of this questionnaire, to return the completed questionnaire by e-mail, or for further information and clarification, please contact:

Secretariat of the Bamako Convention

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Tel:

Fax:

Email:

## INTRODUCTION

The Parties to the Bamako Convention are required, in accordance with Articles 13 of the Convention, to inform each other, through the Secretariat of the Bamako Convention, on issues related to the implementation of the Convention. To facilitate reporting by Parties, the Conference of the Parties has adopted the Form on “Transmission of Information”. The Form consists of two parts, namely, Part I: Status of information; and Part II: Annual reporting.

All Parties should complete Part I: Status of Information of the questionnaire for a certain calendar year which might need to be updated for any subsequent year.

**Part I: Status of Information** covers issues such as designation of Competent Authority, Focal Point and Dumpwatch; national definitions of waste; national definitions of hazardous waste; restrictions on transboundary movements of hazardous wastes, radioactive wastes and other wastes; control procedure of the transboundary movements of waste; reduction and/or elimination of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes; reduction of the amount of hazardous wastes and other wastes subject to transboundary movements; effect on human health and the environment; bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements; disposal and recovery facilities and sources of technical and financial assistance.

**Part II: Annual reporting** covers those issues for which reporting are required on an annual basis. For the ease of electronic reporting and processing of the reported data/information, Part II: Annual reporting is divided into two sections namely, Section A and Section B.

Part II: Section A covers issues such as export/import hazardous wastes and other wastes and generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

Part II: Section B covers issues such as disposals, which did not proceed as intended and accidents occurring during the transboundary movement and disposal of hazardous wastes, radioactive wastes and other wastes.

Some of the general guidelines to fill in the questionnaire are:

- Complete the questionnaire in English.
- Ensure that all quantities are in metric tons.
- Complete the questionnaire by providing information/data in the required format.
- Provide an electronic version of the completed questionnaire, if possible, or use a typewriter or else handwritten in block letters for legibility.

The manual could be referred for more information, which is available in all six United Nations languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

<b>1</b>	<b>Competent Authority, Focal Point and Dumpwatch</b>							
<b>1a</b>	<b>Is there a designated Competent Authority to the Bamako Convention?</b>							
	Yes		Yes, but information		No		In preparation	
	not up to date							
	If yes, please provide:							

	Name:			
	Title:			
	Address:			
	Tel.:			
	Fax:			
	E-mail:			
	Official Web site:			
	<b>NOTE: If more than one Competent Authority exists, please provide the above information for each Competent Authority, specifying regions and activities (i.e. import/export/transit) assigned to them. Use additional space/attachment, if required.</b>			
<b>1b</b>	<b>Is there a designated Competent Authority to the Bamako Convention?</b>			
	Yes	Yes, but information	No	In preparation
	not up to date			
	If yes, please provide:			
	Name:			
	Title:			
	Address:			
	Tel.:			
	Fax:			
	E-mail:			
	Official Web site:			
<b>1c</b>	<b>Is there a National Body appointed to act as a Dumpwatch?</b>			
	Yes	Yes, but information	No	In preparation
	not up to date			
	If yes, please provide:			
	Name of Institution:			
	Address:			
	Official Web site:			
	Name of contact person			
	Tel.:			
	Fax:			

	E-mail:	
<b>2</b>	<b>Wastes Controlled for the Purpose of Transboundary Movement</b>	
<b>2a</b>	<b>Is there a national definition of <u>waste</u> used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</b>	
	Yes	Yes but information not up to date
	No	In preparation
	<b>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of waste:</b>	
<b>2b</b>	<b>Is there a national definition of <u>hazardous waste</u> used for the purpose of transboundary movements of waste?</b>	
	Yes	Yes but information not up to date
	No	In preparation
	<b>If yes, please provide the text of the national definition of hazardous waste:</b>	
<b>2c</b>	<b>Does your country regulate/control any additional wastes as hazardous that are not included in Art. 2 para. 1a of the Bamako Convention and would be controlled for the purpose of transboundary movements pursuant to Art. 2 para. 1b?</b>	
	Yes	Yes but information not up to date
	No	In preparation
	<b>If yes, please specify those wastes:</b>	
<b>2d</b>	<b>Are there any wastes other than those identified in above questions 2b and 2c that require special consideration when subjected to transboundary movement?</b>	
	Yes	Yes but information not up to date
	No	In preparation

	<b>If yes, please specify:</b>				
<b>3</b>	<b>Restrictions on Transboundary Movement Wastes and Radioactive Wastes</b>				
<b>3a</b>	<b>Have the provisions of Article 4 para. 1 of the Bamako Convention, where applicable, been implemented in your country?</b>				
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	<b>Remarks:</b>				
<b>3b</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes for <u>final disposal</u> (Annex III) in your country?</b>				
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	<b>If yes, please provide the following:</b>				
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:				
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:				

(iii)	Remarks:								
<b>3c</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>import</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes for <u>recovery</u> (Annex III) in your country?</b>								
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	<b>If yes, please provide the following:</b>								
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:								
(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:								
(iii)	Remarks:								
<b>3d</b>	<b>Are there any restrictions on the <u>transit</u> of hazardous wastes and radioactive wastes through your country?</b>								
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	<b>If yes, please provide the following:</b>								
(i)	Specify relevant legislation and its entry into force:								

(ii)	Specify country/region and/or waste which would be covered by this restriction:								
(iii)	Remarks:								
<b>4</b>	<b>Control Procedure of the Transboundary Movement of Wastes</b>								
<b>4a</b>	<b>Are the Notification and Movement document forms of the Bamako Convention used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous wastes?</b>								
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>Yes but information</td> <td>No</td> <td>In preparation</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">not up to date</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	Yes but information	No	In preparation	not up to date			
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not up to date									
(i)	If yes, have there been any problems in the usage of the Notification and Movement document forms?								
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">If you have encountered any problem, please explain:</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No	If you have encountered any problem, please explain:					
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(ii)	Provide information on any other forms which are used and/or accepted in the control of transboundary movement of hazardous.								
<b>4b</b>	<b>Is the border control for the purpose of export/import/transit of hazardous established?</b>								
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(i)	Is the Harmonized System on customs control of the World Customs Organization used?			
	Yes	Yes but information not up to date	No	In preparation
(ii)	Remarks			
5	<b>Reduction and/or Elimination of the <u>Generation</u> of Hazardous Wastes</b>			
	<b>Describe measures taken for the reduction and/or elimination of the amount of hazardous wastes generated:</b>			<b>Information up to date?</b>
				Yes    No
(i)	National strategies/policies:			
(ii)	Legislation, regulations and guidelines:			
(iii)	Economic instruments/initiatives:			
(iv)	Measures taken by industries/waste generators:			
(v)	Others:			
6	<b>Reduction of the Amount of Hazardous Wastes Subject to the <u>Transboundary Movement</u></b>			

	<b>Describe measures taken for the amount of Hazardous Wastes Subject to the <u>Transboundary Movement</u> :</b>	<b>Information up to date?</b>	
		Yes	No
(i)	National strategies/policies:		
(ii)	Legislation, regulations and guidelines:		
(iii)	Economic instruments/initiatives:		
(iv)	Measures taken by industries/waste generators:		
(v)	Others:		
<b>7</b>	<b>Effect on Human Health and the Environment</b>		
	<b>Please provide information relevant to your country (e.g. activities, effects, regions, period covered and the sources of data/information) relevant to your country on any available statistics, studies, monitoring reports, etc. which have been compiled on the effects of the generation, collection, handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes on human health and the environment or alternatively provide contact information on where this could be found:</b>	<b>Information up to date?</b>	
		Yes	No