



BAMAKO CONVENTION

Conference of the States Parties

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DECISION 1/12 – Competent Authorities, Focal Point and Dumpwatch

The Conference:¹

Recalling Article 5 of the Bamako Convention which requires the Parties to designate or establish one or more Competent Authorities and one Focal Point as well as to inform the Secretariat within three months of the date of entry into force of the Convention of the agencies they have designated as their Competent Authorities and Focal Point;

Recalling further that Article 5 requires also the parties to appoint a national body to act as a Dumpwatch with a mandate to co-ordinate with the concerned governmental and non-governmental bodies.

Aware of the fundamental role of Competent Authorities, Focal Points and Dumpwatches for the implementation of the Bamako Convention, including the consent or denying of permission for the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes,

Also aware of the potential need to provide the necessary training to the Competent Authorities to ensure the effective and efficient use of the Control System associated with the import-export of hazardous wastes,

Hereby:

1. **Requests** Parties which had not yet informed the Secretariat of the designation or establishment of their Competent Authorities, Focal Point and Dumpwatch to do so at the earliest; and

2. **Encouraged** the Secretariat in collaboration with Parties to seek the necessary funds to convene a regional training workshop for Competent Authorities, Focal Points and Dumpwatches on the use of the control system associated with the Import-Export of hazardous wastes.

¹ **Article 5:** To facilitate the implementation of this Convention, the Parties shall:

1. Designate or establish one or more competent authorities and one focal point. One competent authority shall be designated to receive the notification in case of a State of transit.

2. Inform the Secretariat, within three months of the date of the entry into force of this Convention for them, which agencies they have designated as their focal point and their competent authorities.

3. Inform the Secretariat, within one month of the date of decision, of any changes regarding the designations made by them under paragraph 2 above.

4. Appoint a national body to act as a Dumpwatch. In such capacity as a Dumpwatch, the designated national body only will be required to co-ordinate with the concerned governmental and non-governmental bodies.