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Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa

“The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa”

Second meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako Convention Abidjan (Cote d’Ivoire), 30 January-1 February 2018

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA (High-Level Segment)

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention on the ban on the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa will be held at the **Ivoire Golf Club**, Abidjan, **from 30 January to 1 February 2018**. The meetings will be opened at 9a.m. on Tuesday, 30 January 2018, by the President of the first conference of the Parties to the Convention.

2. The President of the Conference, Her Excellency Ms. Aida M’bo KEITA, Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development of Mali and President of the Conference, assisted by the representative from Burundi who will serve as Rapporteur. The representatives of Cameroon, Mauritius and Tunisia will serve as Vice-Presidents and will assist the representative of the President of the Conference in the general conduct of the meeting, under the auspices of the Bureau of the First Conference of Parties.

3. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered by Her Excellency Ms. Aida M’bo KEITA, Minister of Environment, Sanitation and Sustainable Development of Mali and President of the Conference, the Representative of the Government of Cote d’Ivoire, and the Representative of UN Environment.

Item 2: Organizational matters

(a) Adoption of agenda

4. The Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt the agenda for its meeting, pursuant to the rules of procedure, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document United Nations UNEP/BC/COP.2/1.

(b) Organization of work

5. The Conference of the Parties has before it a scenario note for the second meeting of the conferences of the Parties to the Bamako Convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/3), a tentative schedule of work for the meeting (UNEP/BC/COP.2/1), a proposed structure of the second meeting of the conference of Parties to the Bamako convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/6) and a provisional agenda of

the high-level segment of the meeting (UNEP/BC/COP.2/5), all prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the president and the bureaux of the conferences of the Parties.

6. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide to meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., subject to adjustment as necessary.

7. The Conference of the Parties may wish to establish contact groups and other groups, as deemed necessary, and to specify their mandates.

(c) Update report on the credentials of representatives to the Second Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Bamako convention

8. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the Bamako convention (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided therein.

9. Rule 17 of the rules of procedure provides that each Party shall be represented by an accredited representative, who may be accompanied by such alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

10. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the President before the Session. The Bureau of the Conference of the Parties shall examine the credentials and submit its report to the Conference. This rule shall not, however, prevent a Party from changing its representative, alternate representatives, or advisers subsequently, subject to proper submission and examination of credentials, where needed.

11. The credentials should be issued either by a Head of State or by the minister of foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. Please note that the submission of credentials before the meeting would greatly facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.

12. The bureau of the conference of the Parties consulted during the preparatory meetings held in the side line of the Third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly in December 2017 and subsequently during regular teleconference preparatory meetings, and agreed on the approach that they would follow when preparing the reports on credentials for the meetings of the conferences of the Parties in 2018. The bureau agreed that when examining the credentials received they would accept original credentials in good order as well as copies of credentials in good order, on the understanding in the latter case that original credentials would be submitted as soon as possible.

13. Representatives of Parties may participate in the meeting provisionally pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties on their credentials.

14. The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the Parties at the meeting and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

(d) Election of officers

15. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the election of officers (UNEP/BC/COP.2/3) and a note by the Secretariat entitled “**Election of officers: overview table of elections**” (UNEP/BC/COP.2/3). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the action proposed in document.

Item 3: Official opening of the High-Level Segment

16. The opening ceremony plenary of the high-level segment will begin on 30 January 2018 upon the arrival of H.E. Mr. Amadou Gon Coulibaly, Prime Minister of Cote D’Ivoire. It will consist of

statements from the Prime Minister of Cote d'Ivoire, President of the Conference of Parties and a high-level representative of UN Environment Programme.

Item 4: National Statements

17. Heads of delegations will have the opportunity to make national statements. The list of speakers for the national statements will be prepared by the Secretariat.
18. Pre-recorded statements and full written statements submitted by delegations will be made available on the electronic portal and referenced in the proceedings.

Item 5: Strategic framework: Strengthening the effective implementation of the Bamako Convention

(a) Introduction to the debate

19. Member States Parties to the convention have received before it document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/X) on strengthening the Bamako convention entitled: "Twenty Years of the Bamako Convention: A Time for More Effective Implementation". This document also includes recommendations to the States Parties relevant ways and means to achieve more effective implementation of the convention, pursuant to its spirit and ideals.

(b) General debate

20. Parties may wish to discuss recommendations proposed by the document and provide guidance to strengthen collaboration and cooperation with similar multilateral environment agreements, especially, strengthens strategic partnership and synergy with the Basel convention.

Item 6: Financial Situation

(a) Trust funds

21. Article 14, paragraph 1 of the Convention provides that the regular budget of the Conference of Parties, as required in Articles 15 and 16 of the Convention, shall be prepared by the Secretariat and approved by the Conference of Parties.

(b) Assessed contributions

22. By decision1/10 the First Conference of Parties has adopted the Work Plan and Budget for the calendar year 2014. Based on this decision the secretariat has prepared an updated programme of work and budget for the period 2018–2019, set out in document (UNEP/BC/COP.2/). The Expert Group Meeting may wish to finalize its deliberations on the programme of work and budget of the Convention for 2018–2019 and submit a decision in that regard to the Conference of Parties for adoption.

Item 7: Consideration of theme and Ministerial Declaration of the second meeting of the Conference of Parties

23. The President is expected to introduce the drafting process of the Ministerial Declaration and then open the floor for discussion
24. The Conference of the Parties will consider discussing under this agenda item the draft Ministerial Declaration prepared by the Secretariat and the Bureau with the support of the Secretariat. The sub-items are listed below in the order in which they appear in the provisional agenda, which is not necessarily the order of priority for their consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

25. Member States Parties to the convention will consider the rationale of the theme of the second Conference of Parties: “*The Bamako Convention: A platform for a Pollution Free Africa*”, which is connected to the theme of the UNEA3. English (Background report) available at the following links in three languages, Arabic, English and French:

https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/21800/UNEA_towardspollution_long%20version_Web.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

English (Report of the Executive Director);

<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/22251/k1708347e.pdf?sequence=2&isAllowed=y>
French (Report of the Executive Director):

<https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/k1708348f.pdf>;

Arabic (Report of the Executive Director)

<https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/uploads/k1708345a.pdf>

Item 8: Any Other Business

26. The High-Level Segment may wish to discuss major issues of interest not included in the agenda.

27. It is proposed that any Party that introduces any other matter should provide the secretariat with a copy of a background document for circulation during the session. An English version of any such text must be made available. Any draft decisions submitted by Parties should also be made available in English.

Item 9: Launch of the *Probo Koala* environment Audit Report

28. The Conference of the Parties welcome presentation of the Probo Koala environment audit report and take note of the conclusion, recommendations and findings of the report.

Item 10: Closure of the High-Level Segment

29. It is expected that the High-Level segment of the second meeting of the Conference of Parties will be closed by the President by 6 p.m. on **Tuesday, 30 January 2018**.