



**BAMA KO CONVENTION**

**Conference of the States Parties**

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**DECISION 1/16 – Legal and Technical Assistance**

**The Conference:**

**Recognizing** the importance and potential usefulness of the tools and expertise available under the Basel Convention for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes;

**Concerned** about the difficulties associated with the legal, institutional and technical capacity of Countries in the Africa Region to address the management of hazardous chemical and wastes;

**Hereby:**

- 1. Calls upon** the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to officially inform Parties, through the Secretariat of the Bamako Convention about its short and long term planned actions within the Africa Region.
- 2. Requests** the Secretariat of the Bamako Convention, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to develop technical guidelines for all aspects of hazardous wastes management.
- 3. Further requests** the Secretariat of the Bamako Convention, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions to develop programmes of training and technology transfer and to conduct joint capacity building activities.
- 4. Also requests** the Secretariat of the Bamako Convention, working with other Institutions dealing with chemical and waste issues, to undertake with them and, subject to the availability of funds, the necessary actions to develop for Parties upon request, legal and technical capacity for the management of hazardous chemicals and wastes. This could include an adaptation of the Model legislation developed under the Basel Convention or the adoption of a broader approach.
- 5. Urges** Parties, Non-Parties, intergovernmental organizations, members of the industries and business sectors, and non-governmental organizations to provide financial resources or assistance in kind, to assist countries in need of such assistance in the development of training activities, seminars and technology transfer for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.