



**BAMAKO CONVENTION**

**Conference of the States Parties**

*First Session*

*Bamako, Mali*

*24-26 June 2013*

**DECISION 1/6 – Institutional arrangements for the implementation of Convention: Establishment of a Secretariat**

**The Conference:**

**Recalling** Article 16, paragraph 1 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 setting up the functions of the Secretariat;

**Further recalling** Article 16, paragraph 2 of the convention establishing interim arrangement for the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>;

**Bearing in mind** the necessity to establish a fully operational, efficient and cost-effective Secretariat consistent with the financial resources available;

**Hereby:**

1. **Decides** that the Secretariat's functions shall be carried out by the United Nations Environment Programme, provided that the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme authorizes the Executive Director to perform such functions.
2. **Decides** that the Secretariat will consist of a limited number of professionals and administrative personnel headed by an Executive Secretary.
3. **Requests** the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to designate a staff member as Executive Secretary of the Bamako Convention.
4. **Requests** the United Nations Environment Programme to provide the Secretariat with at least two (2) Programme Officers and one (1) Administrative Assistant.

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<sup>1</sup> **Art. 16.2:** The Secretariat's functions shall be carried out on an interim basis by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) jointly with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) until the completion of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties held pursuant to Article 15 of this Convention. At this meeting, the Conference of the Parties shall also evaluate the implementation by the interim Secretariat of the functions assigned to it, in particular under paragraph 1 above, and decide upon the structures appropriate for those functions.

5. **Requests** the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in collaboration with the African Union Commission to take all necessary steps to ensure a smooth, efficient and timely starting of the work of the Secretariat of the Bamako convention.

6. **Requests** the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to take all necessary steps to support the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the African Union Commission to ensure a smooth, efficient and timely starting of the work of the Secretariat of the Bamako convention.