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Item 5 (c) ii of the provisional agenda: **Strengthening implementation and Resource Mobilization for Bamako Convention**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Introduction

The Bamako Convention was established to prohibit the importation into Africa and control the transboundary movement and management of hazardous waste. The implementation of the Convention has, however, not been effective due to various factors. Key among them are financial constraints, human resource limitations, and availability of adequate information.

To find solutions for some of the above challenges there is need to innovate and find different pathways for effective implementation.

The 2018 Africa Waste Management Outlook aims at highlighting both challenges and possible solutions for sustainable waste management in Africa.

Further, given the increased number of Parties there is need to develop and agree on a collective, comprehensive and coherent approach to implement the Convention, either individually or collectively, in the African context so as to enable the Parties to meet their obligations to implement the Convention.

Therefore, the Secretariat has prepared this note containing innovative ways of mobilizing resources, creating partnerships, preparing projects, programs and partnership proposals in support of strengthening the implementation of the Convention.

2. Proposed action

The Secretariat has prepared a draft decision for consideration by the Conference.

Draft Decision CB 1/3: **Strengthening implementation and Resource Mobilization for Bamako Convention**

The Conference of the Parties:

Recalling the Abidjan Declaration on the Bamako Convention: A Platform for a Pollution-free Africa that was adopted during the second session of the Conference of Parties held in Abidjan, 30 January to 1 February 2018 as well as the limited resources available to support its implementation;

Recalling decisions 2/1 and 2/4 that called for Parties, secretariats and partners to promote coherence and synergies between the Bamako Convention and other chemicals and hazardous wastes related conventions and initiatives;

Noting the low levels of implementation of the Bamako Convention more than 20 years since it entered into force in 1998;

Welcoming the Africa Waste Management Outlook (2018) and its findings and recommendations;

Noting that majority of the Parties have not fulfilled their financial obligations and that no funds were available for the implementation of the work plan and budget approved by the second Conference of the Parties;

Acknowledging the efforts of the United Nations Environment Programme in support of the Bamako convention, especially in hosting the interim secretariat, providing financial, human and technical resources;

Recognizing the need to devise innovative means and measures, partnerships and collaborations, among others, in order to effectively implement the Convention.

Decides

1. To reaffirm our commitment to implement the Bamako Convention to the fullest extent possible.
2. To recommit to settle all outstanding financial arrears and honor future obligations under this convention.
3. To agree to enhance cooperation, collaboration and support with partners on sound management of chemicals and wastes.
4. To mandate the Secretariat to build strategic partnerships by enhancing existing partnerships, establishing new partners and cooperative arrangements for the implementation of Bamako Convention and decisions of the Conferences of the Parties.
5. To request the Secretariat to enter into cooperative arrangements on enhancing cooperation, coordination and synergies between Bamako Convention and the Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management as well as Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions on the implementation of the Convention.

- 6.** To request the Secretariat to develop:
 - (a) shared programmes with one or several partners for joint implementation including on capacity development,
 - (b) partnerships with organizations that have a track record in providing solutions,
 - (c) partnerships with organizations that will leverage funding and guidance to implement the work plan, and
 - (d) partnerships with governments, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies.

7. To request the Parties, regional economic communities, the Africa Development Bank, the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility, the Green Climate Fund and other partners, to support projects on sound waste management as part of the efforts to implement the Convention.

8. To promote collaboration between Bamako Convention, Parties, civil society, private sector, non-governmental organizations, local governments and municipal authorities in the implementation of the activities of the Convention.

9. To agree to use the same reports that are submitted by the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for purposes of reporting on this Convention.

10. To encourage Parties to use the findings and recommendations of the Africa Waste Management Outlook (2018) in their interventions on sound management of wastes.

11. To request the United National Environment Programme in collaboration with other partners and Parties to continuously update the Africa Waste Management Outlook and share the findings and recommendations.