

Convention: BC	Coordinate and provide support to parties in follow up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity	
LEGAL BASIS/MANDATE:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme of Work Activity 34: Coordinate and provide support to parties in follow up to the country-led initiative on environmentally sound management and further legal clarity • Decision BC-11/1: Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative to improve the effectiveness of the Basel Convention – Providing further legal clarity 		
BACKGROUND INFORMATION:		
<p>Decision BC-11/1 on the Follow-up to the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative (CLI) takes a cross-cutting approach aimed at supporting and ensuring effective implementation and enforcement of the Basel Convention. Through this decision, benefits for parties are sought on multiple fronts, including through (i) addressing entry into force of the Ban Amendment; (ii) developing guidelines for environmentally sound management and (iii) providing further legal clarity on certain terms. This concept note focuses on <u>providing further legal clarity</u>. Concept notes on addressing entry into force of the Ban Amendment and developing guidelines for environmentally sound management have been prepared separately. Section III of the abovementioned decision established, within available resources, a small intersessional working group (SIWG) to continue the work initiated following COP 10 to come to a common understanding on the interpretation of certain terms used under the Basel Convention and other relevant terms related to the implementation of the Convention. As such the SIWG has been mandated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the glossary of terms¹ which was submitted to COP 11 for its consideration; • Identify terms for which it would be useful to have further explanations and provide such explanations in the glossary; • Recommend to the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWG-9) where further guidance would be useful; and • Consider options for further steps towards the consistent interpretation of terminology, including possible voluntary and legally binding options, and to report thereon to OEWG-9. 		
PROPOSED ACTIVITIES TO BE FUNDED:		
<p>The activities for which funding is sought in the area of providing further legal clarity fall into two categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Funding for the engagement of <u>consultants</u> to assist the SIWG in fulfilling its mandate, as appropriate. 2. Funding for a <u>P-3 Programme Officer post</u> to coordinate the Secretariat's ongoing efforts on the Indonesian-Swiss country-led initiative (20% of the post over the biennium to provide secretariat support). 		
RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Consultants are retained</u>, as necessary, to support the work of the SIWG. The SIWG submits a revised glossary and related explanations for consideration by OEWG-9. • <u>Effective Secretariat support</u> is provided to the SIWG to ensure it fulfils its COP 11 appointed mandate. 		
VOLUNTARY BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015		
10	PROJECT PERSONNEL COMPONENT	
1101	<i>P-3 Programme Officer post (20%)</i>	73,563
1201	<i>Consultant(s) to support legal clarity work</i>	100,000
BUDGET [USD] FOR 2014 - 2015		
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		173,563
Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%		22,563
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		196,126

¹ UNEP/CHW.11/3/Add.2