



The Basel Convention: The Next Ten Years

11h00-12h30, Friday, 26 November 1999

International Environment House, Meeting Room 3

As the Basel Convention on transboundary movements of hazardous wastes approaches its 10th anniversary, governments can take satisfaction in its achievements. The data on transboundary movements and on trends have been dramatically improved, and there is greater transparency and control of imports and exports. These successes must be consolidated and built upon to reduce the risks of hazardous wastes even further over the coming decade.

The Geneva Environment Network, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention, is hosting a roundtable to identify the key challenges that lie ahead. Participants are invited to explore how governments, industry, and civil society can work together to meet these challenges. In particular, the roundtable will attempt to answer the following questions:

- * How can the capacity of developing countries to implement their Basel commitments be strengthened?
- * How can partnerships between the various constituents be strengthened?
- * What must be done to promote and implement the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and, in this context, what role should be played by waste minimization, cleaner production, life-cycle analysis, and upstream management?
- * What must be done to create a workable enforcement and compliance regime?
- * How can illegal traffic be more effectively discouraged?
- * How can NGOs play a greater role in raising awareness and highlighting emerging issues?

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| 10:45 | Coffee |
| 11:00 | Welcome by Mr. Aniket Ghai, Geneva Environment Network
Introduction by moderator, Mr. John Whitelaw, UNEP/Chemicals
Presentation by Mr. Pierre Portas, Secretariat of the Basel
Convention |
| 11:20 | Panel presentations:

- Mr. Marco Buletti, Waste Division, Swiss Agency for the Environment,
Forests and Landscape
- Ms. Laura Dupuy, Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United
Nations at Geneva
- Mr. Ulrich Hoffmann, United Nations Conference on Trade and
Development
- Mr. René Longet, Société de protection de l'environnement |
| 11:40 | Discussion |
| 12:25 | Wrap-up by moderator |