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PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE

CONVENTIONS :		PROJECT TITLE :	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SYN		National legislation, illegal traffic and trade, and enforcement under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (PoW 33)	
FUNDING OPTIONS:		TYPE / LOCATION	TARGETED COUNTRIES:
<input type="checkbox"/> Funding in full <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial funding possible		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National	Global
MANDATE			
<p>Conventions Article: Articles 10 and 16 of the Basel Convention, 18 of the Rotterdam Convention and 19 of the Stockholm Convention</p> <p>COP decision(s): BC-13/21, RC-8/14 and SC-8/24 on Synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes decision BC-13/10 on national legislation, notifications, enforcement of the Convention and efforts to combat illegal traffic; paragraphs -51-57 of the report of the meeting of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention, section I, part A, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the synergies decisions (IX/10, RC-4/11 and SC-4/34), 2013 omnibus decision (BC.Ex-2/1, RC.Ex-2/1, SC.Ex-2/1),</p>			
Rationale			
<p>Developing legal frameworks are core requirements under the three conventions (BC: Article 4.4 and 9.5; RC: Article 10 and Article 11; SC: Article 3 and Article 5). All three conventions also provide for a control regime with respect to the international trade/transboundary movement of covered chemicals and wastes. Preventing and combating illegal traffic is a core requirement under the Basel Convention (art. 4.4 and 9.5) and the Secretariat's activities pertaining to national legislation, illegal traffic and enforcement support the effective implementation of these requirements and hence the achievement of a fundamental objective of the Convention. The Secretariat cooperates with a wide range of partners on enforcement matters (e.g. INTERPOL, WCO, IMPEL, UNEP, UNODC, GCI, Asian Network).</p> <p>By their decisions BC-13/21, RC-8/14 and SC-8/24 on synergies in preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes, the three conferences of the Parties, for the first time, agreed on a synergistic approach to improving the implementation of the trade-related control regimes of the conventions and to preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade. The decisions provide for several activities to be undertaken by Parties and partners as well as by the Secretariat. One such activity is for the Secretariat to prepare a report, including recommendations, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its next meeting, on further areas, including areas common to two or three of the conventions, in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes.</p> <p>Other activities are for the Secretariat to develop examples of the integration of the provisions of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions into national legal frameworks and to organize training activities, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with partners, to assist Parties, particularly developing-country Parties and Parties with economies in transition, in the development of national legislation and other measures to implement and enforce the provisions of the conventions aimed at controlling the export and import of chemicals and wastes covered under the conventions. This concept note focuses on fundraising for the development of a report on further areas, including areas common to two or three of the conventions, in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes.</p>			
Outcomes and indicators of achievement			
<p>Outcomes: Parties have a better understanding of and are in a better position to develop legal frameworks, prevent and combating illegal traffic and enforce the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions. More specifically, a report, including recommendations, is prepared on further areas in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes.</p>			
Indicators of achievement:		Means of verification:	
1. Report made available		1. Information available on the websites of the conventions; meeting documents.	
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME			
Project start date: 01/2018	Project completion date: 12/2019	Total duration: 24 months	

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS**Sustainable Development Goals:**

These activities have the potential to contribute to various degrees to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goal 3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages; Goal 11 on making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable; and Goal 12 on ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Gender mainstreaming:

In line with the BRS Gender Action Plan, the Secretariat will also advise, where appropriate, any potential gender impacts of the legal and policy matters considered.

Integrated Approach:

These legal and policy activities as a whole, in particular preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade, carry an important potential to contribute to catalysing coordination among relevant stakeholders within Parties, including civil society and private sector, as relevant, for an improved implementation and enforcement of the BRS conventions.

PARTNERS

Parties, BCRCs, SCRCs, UNEP, FAO, GCI, INTERPOL, WCO, INECE, IMPEL, Asian Network, other IGOs and NGOs with a mandate on national legislation as well as illegal traffic/trade issues.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2018-19 [USD]

Activity	Output type	Budget
A report, including recommendations is prepared on further areas in which legal clarity could be improved as a means of preventing and combating illegal traffic and trade in hazardous chemicals and wastes	Report	20,000
DIRECT PROJECT COST OPERATIONAL BUDGET		20,000
<i>Programme Support Costs (PSC) 13%</i>		<i>2,600</i>
TOTAL OPERATIONAL BUDGET		22,600