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**Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention
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Item 4 (d) of the provisional agenda*

**Matters related to the implementation
of the Convention: technical assistance**

**Implementation of decision V/32 on the enlargement of the
scope of the Trust Fund to Assist Developing and Other
Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the
Implementation of the Basel Convention**

Note by the Secretariat

1. In section III of decision BC-13/11, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention welcomed the active engagement of the Joint United Nations Environment Programme/Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Environment Unit (JEU) with regard to emergency situations and encouraged its continued cooperation with the Secretariat. In the same decision, the Conference requested the Secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, and invited the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, to continue to carry out capacity-building activities with relevant partners, such as the JEU, relevant to the prevention of incidents and enhancing the preparedness of countries to deal with emergencies caused by transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal. The Secretariat was also requested to continue its cooperation and collaboration with the JEU.
2. The Secretariat addresses capacity-building activities relevant to the prevention of incidents and enhancing the preparedness of countries to deal with emergencies caused by transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal in the technical assistance plan for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions for the period 2018–2021.¹ Document UNEP/CHW.14/INF/25–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/INF/24–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/INF/25 contains a report on the implementation of the technical assistance plan for the period 2018–2021 in the biennium 2018–2019, and includes an overview of the above-mentioned capacity-building activities implemented in 2018 and planned for 2019.
3. Information on cooperation and coordination with relevant partners with regards to emergency situations is outlined in document UNEP/CHW.14/20–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.9/16–UNEP/POPS/COP.9/23.
4. The annex to the present note sets out the interim status of the contributions made to and expenditures incurred by the Basel Convention Technical Cooperation/Special Trust Fund for voluntary contributions, for cases of emergency and compensation for damage resulting from incidents

* UNEP/CHW.14/1.

¹ UNEP/CHW.13/INF/36–UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.8/INF/26–UNEP/POPS/COP.8/INF/25.

arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal, as provided for in paragraph 3 (d) of rule 4 of the financial rules, as at 31 December 2018.

5. The present note, including its annex, has not been formally edited.

Annex

Interim status of the contributions made to and expenditures incurred by the Basel Convention Technical Cooperation/Special Trust Fund for voluntary contributions (BDL), for cases of emergency and compensation for damage resulting from incidents arising from transboundary movements of hazardous wastes and other wastes and their disposal, as provided for in paragraph 3 (d) of rule 4 of the financial rules, as at 31 December 2018

As at 31 December 2018, a total of \$316,930 was available in the Basel Convention Technical Cooperation/Special Trust Fund for use for emergency assistance (BDL), in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 4 of decision V/32 and parts 1 and 3 of the Interim Guidelines for the implementation of decision V/32 on enlargement of the scope of the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund. Table 1 below sets out information on the balance of these funds as of 31 December 2018.

Table 1: Interim status of contributions and expenditures to the fund supporting emergency assistance and capacity-building to prevent accidents, as at 31 December 2018 (All amounts are in United States dollars and include 13% programme support cost)

<i>Donor</i>	<i>Year paid</i>	<i>Total income</i>	<i>Total expenditures</i>	<i>Balance as at 31 Dec. 2018</i>	<i>Percentage used</i>	<i>Estimated expenditures projected for 2019–2020</i>
Australia	2007	42 290 ^a		42 290	0	
Denmark	2000	79 045 ^a		79 045	0	
Finland	2000	22 105 ^c	15 946 ^d	6 159	72%	
France	2000	66 225 ^a		66 225	0	
New Zealand	1999	10 000 ^a		10 000	0	
Norway	2000	27 848 ^a		27 848	0	
Switzerland	2000	50 000 ^a		50 000	0	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2000	50 000 ^a	14,637 ^b	35 363	29%	
Balance		347 513	30 583	316 930	9%	

^a Earmarked for emergency assistance in accordance with paragraph 2 of decision V/32 and part 1 of the Interim Guidelines.

^b Expenditures incurred for the expert mission organized by the Secretariat to assist Côte d'Ivoire to estimate the extent of damage and the measures needed to mitigate and prevent further damage ("rapid assessment") in response to a request for emergency assistance in 2006.

^c Earmarked contribution for specific capacity-building activities for accident prevention in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision V/32 and part 3 of the Interim Guidelines.

^d Contribution to a capacity-building workshop organized in collaboration with the Joint UN Environment Programme/OCHA Environment Unit in the first quarter of 2017.