Basel Convention, annexes I, VIII, IX: hazardous wastes, transboundary movements and disposal

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PURPOSE : Proposal for a Council Decision on the approval, on behalf of the Community, of the amendment of Annex I and the adoption of new Annexes VIII and IX to the Convention on the control of trans-boundary movements of hazardous wastes and their disposal (Basel Convention), as laid down in Decision IV/9 of the Conference of the Parties. CONTENT: In February 1998, Decision IV/9 was adopted by consensus by the Fourth Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention. Its Annex VIII is a list of wastes that the Convention's Technical Working Groups characterised as hazardous and its Annex IX is a list of wastes that the Technical Working Group characterised as not covered by its definition. Decision IV /9 also amended Annex I, adding to it a number of explanatory notes in relation to Annexes VIII and IX. The amended and additional Annexes to the Convention will come into force for all Parties to the Convention which have not notified the Depository that they are unable to accept an Annex, six months after the date of communication of the adoption of the Annexes by the Depository, in accordance with Article 18, paragraph 2, c) of the Convention.