

Framework Agreement
between
the Arab Republic of Egypt
and
the **Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of
Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal**
on the Basel Convention Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology
Transfer

The Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, acting on behalf of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, having its offices at 11-15, chemin des Anémones, 1219 Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland, as administered by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), an inter-governmental organisation established by the United Nations (UN General Assembly, having its headquarters at PO Box 30552-00100 in Nairobi, Kenya, on one hand, and the Arab Republic of Egypt Ministry of Environment, 30 Misr Helwan ElZyrae Road, Maadi, Cairo, Egypt on the other hand (hereinafter referred to, collectively, as “Parties”, and individually, as “Party”);

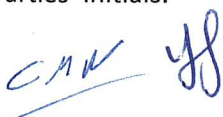
Bearing in mind Article 14 of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal of 22 March 1989, which calls for the establishment of the regional centres for training and technology transfer regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimisation of their generation;

Recognising that cooperation among Parties to the Basel Convention, at the regional level, in the field of training and technology transfer, facilitates the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimisation of their generation;

Recalling Decision III/19 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, which selected the Arab Republic of Egypt as the seat for a Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Arabic-speaking countries;

Noting with appreciation the interest expressed by the Arab Republic of Egypt to host the Basel Convention Regional Centre;

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Recalling Decision V/5 of the Conference of the Parties which emphasised the need for the enhancement of the legal status of the centres as a way to attract additional financial support and the necessity of developing a Framework Agreement;

Taking note of Decision VI/9 of the Conference of the Parties, which changed the name of the Centre to 'Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology Transfer';

Recalling also Decision VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties by which it adopted a core set of elements for the Agreement, endorsed the mechanism of establishing the Basel Convention Regional Centres by the signing of a Framework Agreement, and mandated the Secretariat of the Basel Convention to negotiate and sign the Agreement in the name of the Conference of the Parties with the representative of the Government of the country hosting the Centre;

Recalling further Decisions VI/1, VI/2 and VI/3 of the Conference of the Parties in which the latter endorsed the role of the Basel Convention Regional Centres for Training and Technology Transfer in implementing the Basel Declaration and the priority actions of the Strategic Plan of the Basel Convention, using contributions from the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention in accordance with the criteria and procedure established under Decision VI/2;

Recalling also Decision BC-11/13 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, in which it decided to evaluate, in accordance with the interim criteria and the interim methodology adopted in the same Decision, the performance and sustainability of the Basel Convention Regional and Coordinating Centres, at its twelfth meeting and every four years after;

Bearing in mind also the successful cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Egypt and the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, under the Framework Agreement of 29 October 2004, on the Establishment of a Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer.

Desiring to continue cooperating and to ensure continuity in provision, by the Basel Convention Regional Centre in Egypt, of training and technology transfer expertise and services for the implementation of the Basel Convention to the region, including by retaining the institutional arrangements made under the Framework Agreement of October 2004.

Have agreed as follows:

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Article I

Definitions

For the purpose of the present Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) The "Agreement" means the present Framework Agreement between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the Establishment of the Basel Convention Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology Transfer;
- (b) The "Basel Convention" means the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, adopted on 22 March 1989;
- (c) The "Business Plan" means the document referred to in Decision VI/4 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention;
- (d) The "Centre" means the Basel Convention Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology Transfer;
- (e) The "competent authorities" means national, provincial, municipal and other competent authorities under the law of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- (f) The "international experts of the Centre" means consultants and experts who are financed from the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention, and who are selected and appointed by the Director of the Centre in consultation with the Secretariat;
- (g) The "Parties to the Basel Convention" means those States and political and/or economic integration organisations which ratified, accepted, formally confirmed, approved or acceded to the Basel Convention in accordance with Articles 22 and 23 of the Basel Convention;
- (h) The "Focal Point of the Basel Convention" means the government institution designated by each Party to the Basel Convention under the provisions of Article 5 of the Basel Convention;
- (i) The "Framework Agreement of 29 October 2004" means the first Framework Agreement concluded between the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal and the Arab Republic of Egypt on the Establishment of a Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer for the Arab States of 29 October 2004;
- (j) The "General Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which the Arab Republic of Egypt acceded on 17 September 1948;

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- (k) The “Government” means the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt;
- (l) The “international staff of the Centre” means officials of the Centre whose posts are financed from the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention in accordance with decisions of the Parties of the Basel Convention who are appointed by the Director, in consultation with the Secretariat;
- (m) The “Project Document” means a formal document covering a project, which sets out, *inter alia*, the need, results, outputs, activities, a workplan, a budget, pertinent background, supporting data and any special arrangements for the execution of the project in question to be signed between UNEP or the Secretariat and the Basel Convention Regional Centre;
- (n) The “Secretariat” means the Secretariat of the Basel Convention;
- (o) The “staff of the Centre” means the Director and the national staff of the Centre, whose posts are financed by the Government;
- (p) The “Steering Committee” means the Committee provided for in Article VII of the present Agreement;
- (q) The “Trust Funds” means the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention established under the Basel Convention with the scope of providing financial support for the ordinary expenditure of the Secretariat of the Basel Convention and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund of the Basel Convention established for the purpose of assisting developing countries and other countries in need of technical assistance in the implementation of the Basel Convention;
- (r) “UNEP” means the United Nations Environment Programme.

Article II

Purpose of the Agreement

1. The purpose of the present Agreement is to set forth the terms and conditions, under which an institution in the Arab Republic of Egypt shall continue acting as a Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Basel Convention and related decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.
2. The institution, referred to in paragraph 1 above, shall be an autonomous institution with its own legal personality.

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3. Subject to the agreement of the Steering Committee provided for in Articles VII of the present Agreement, any Party to the Basel Convention not included in Annex III, non-governmental organisation, entity, private sector organisation, academic institution, or other organisation, may participate in the activities of the Centre.

Article V

Functions of the Centre Relevant to its Regional Role

1. The core functions of the Centre are described in Annex I to the present Agreement. These functions shall be subject to periodic review pursuant to Decision BC-11/13 of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.
2. The Centre shall implement activities in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the Business Plan of the Centre referred to in Articles VII, paragraph 2, of the present Agreement.

Article VI

Governance and Reporting

1. The activities of the Centre relevant to its regional role shall be carried out under the general guidance and in close coordination with the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat shall coordinate the activities of the Centre with the work of the other Basel Convention Regional Centres as well as with the relevant activities of the Parties to the Basel Convention, international organisations, programmes, funds and other institutions established by relevant global and regional conventions.
3. The Centre shall keep the Focal Points of the Basel Convention of the Parties served by the Centre, the Secretariat, non-governmental organisation, entities, private sector organisation, academic institutions or other organisations which participate in the activities of the Centre, regularly informed of its activities.
4. The Centre shall submit annually a report to the Secretariat on the implementation of its Business Plan, financial income and expenditures.



Article III

Establishment and Legal Status of the Basel Convention Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology Transfer

1. The Basel Convention Regional Centre of the Arab States for Training and Technology Transfer has been established under the Framework Agreement of 29 October 2004, at the Cairo University, in Cairo, the Arab Republic of Egypt.
2. Subject to the relevant provisions of the present Agreement, the Centre, which is a national institution established under the laws and regulations of the Arab Republic of Egypt, shall operate in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
3. The Centre shall have a regional role defined in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.
4. Activities of the Centre, which are not related to its regional role, shall be defined by the competent authorities of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the Centre shall ensure that such activities do not interfere with or affect the regional role of the Centre and the commitments and obligations under the present Agreement.
5. The Centre shall have the capacity, in accordance with the national laws and regulations of the Arab Republic of Egypt:
 - (a) To contract;
 - (b) To acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property;
 - (c) To institute legal proceedings.

Article IV

Regional Role of the Centre

1. The Centre shall provide services for the implementation of the Basel Convention to the Parties to the Basel Convention consenting to be served by the Centre whose names appear in Annex III to the present Agreement.
2. Any other Arab States, which are Parties to the Basel Convention, may at any times express its consent to be served by the Centre through a written communication to the Centre and the Secretariat.

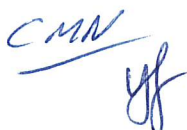
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Article VII
Steering Committee

1. The Steering Committee established under Article VII of the Framework Agreement of 29 October 2004 shall continue to advise the Centre under the present Agreement, on the development and implementation of the activities of the Centre relevant to its regional role and to enhance national support to its activities from the Parties served by the Centre.
2. The Steering Committee shall develop and endorse the Business Plan for the Centre and oversee its implementation.
3. The Steering Committee shall be composed of five members nominated by the Parties served by the Centre through a process of consultations, for a period of 4 (four) years. The representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall be one of the 5 (five) members.
4. The members of the Steering Committee shall be experts of recognised standing and with experience in the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.
5. The representatives of the Secretariat and the Director of the Centre referred to in Article XII of the present Agreement shall participate in the meetings of the Steering Committee *ex officio*.
6. Donors and other stakeholders, including relevant non-governmental organisations, entities, private sector organisations, academic institutions or other organisations may be invited to attend the meetings of the Steering Committee as observers.
7. The members of the Steering Committee shall elect, by consensus, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee from among its members, for a 4 (four) year term.
8. The Chairperson, in consultation with the Secretariat and the Director of the Centre, shall convene the ordinary meetings of the Steering Committee at least once every 2 (two) years. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by the Chairperson in consultation with the Secretariat.
9. The Party to the Basel Convention, whose expert is a member of the Steering Committee, shall defray the expenses of that member while performing the Committee's duties.
10. The Egyptian Ministry of Environment, in consultation with the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall designate a competent national authority/committee to mobilise and coordinated the national inputs into the Centre.

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Article VIII

Participants in Meetings and Activities Organised by the Centre

1. Meetings and activities organised by the Centre shall be open to participants designated by the Focal Points of the Basel Convention of the Parties served by the Centre.
2. Any other Party to the Basel Convention, non-Parties to the Basel Convention that are States or political and/or economic integration organisations, non-governmental organisations, entities, private sector organisations, academic institutions or other organisations may be invited to the meetings organised by the Centre, subject to the agreement of the Steering Committee.

Article IX

Working Language, Rules and Procedure of the Centre

1. The working languages of the Centre in carrying out its regional role shall be Arabic and English.
2. The meetings organised by the Centre shall apply *mutatis mutandis* the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.
3. Communications between the Centre and the Secretariat shall be in English.

Article X

Financial Resources and Contributions

1. The financial resources of the Centre shall be composed of:
 - (a) Contributions from the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and subject to the availability of resources in the Trust Funds;
 - (b) The voluntary contributions of the Parties to the Basel Convention served by the Centre;
 - (c) Funds directly received from other Parties to the Basel Convention, non-Parties, industry, research institutes, foundations, the United Nations and other relevant international and national organisations and bodies, etc. subject to the conditions stipulated in the present Agreement.
 - (d) Funds received for services provided by the Centre;



(e) Contributions provided by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt in accordance with Article XI of the present Agreement and as provided in Annex II.

(f) Other funds received by the Centre.

2. The Centre may also receive in-kind contributions.
3. The Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention shall, at each meeting, review the financial status of the Centre as presented by the Director through the Secretariat, and make such recommendations to the Centre as it may deem appropriate.
4. The acceptance by the Centre of any voluntary contribution or donation shall in every case be subject to the express written agreement of the Secretariat, upon the recommendations of the Director of the Centre in order to avoid conflict of interest between the goals and objectives of the Basel Convention and the donors.
5. The financial resources provided to the Centre from the Trust Funds established under the Basel Convention shall be kept in a sub-account of the Cairo office of the United Nations Development Program in the currency in which they are to be remitted. These resources shall be available to the Centre for the implementation of its programme of work in conformity with the Project Document signed for that purpose by the Centre and UNEP or the Secretariat.
6. The Centre and the Secretariat, individually or jointly, may seek additional financial or in-kind support for the Centre from sources other than the Trust Funds of the Basel Convention.
7. Activities of the Centre which are not related to its regional role shall be financed solely from funds provided by the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt.
8. An external biennial review of the activities of the Centre shall be carried out.

Article XI

Contribution of the Host Government

The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall provide, free of charge, adequate premises for the Centre and the personnel needed for its activities. In particular, the Government shall provide the relevant premises and standard office and telecommunication equipment. It shall be responsible for the adequate and timely maintenance of the premises and shall further provide financial and in-kind contributions to the operational costs of the Centre as specified in Annex II of the present Agreement.

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Article XII

Staff, International Staff and International Experts of the Centre

1. The Centre shall comprise a full-time Director and such staff as the Centre may require for the effective and efficient carrying out of its regional role.
2. The Director may be a national of the Arab Republic of Egypt, appointed by the competent authorities of the Arab Republic of Egypt in consultation with the Secretariat.
3. The Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Centre and, subject to the provisions of the present Agreement, shall have overall responsibility of the activities and administration of the Centre.
4. The posts of the Director and the staff shall be funded as part of the contribution provided by the Government towards the operating costs of the Centre as stipulated in Annex II of the present Agreement. If approved by the Parties to the Basel Convention, contribution towards the salary of the Director may be made by interested Parties.
5. The national staff shall be appointed by the Director.
6. The international staff and international experts of the Centre shall be appointed by the Director in consultation with the Secretariat. The international staff shall be appointed from among the qualified applicants responding to the vacancy announcement circulated by the Secretariat to the Focal Points of the Basel Convention.

Article XIII

Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Director

In ensuring the regional role of the Centre, the Director shall:

- (a) Administer the Centre and its programmes with a view to ensuring that the Centre performs its regional role in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Basel Convention and related decisions of the Conference of the Parties;
- (b) Prepare a Business Plan of the Centre for submission to the Steering Committee for its review and endorsement;
- (c) Report on the implementation of the activities in the Business Plan to the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention through the Secretariat;

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- (d) Appoint national and international staff, consultants and experts to the Centre, in accordance with the provisions of Articles XII above;
- (e) Develop and implement strategies to ensure the appropriate funding for programmes and institutional activities of the Centre, relevant to its regional role;
- (f) Arrange all matters relating to the preparation and publication of materials produced by the Centre, having in view the objectives of the Centre and its regional role;
- (g) Perform such other duties as may be required pursuant to relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention.

Article XIV Privileges and Immunities

1. The representatives of the Parties to the Basel Convention participating in meetings and other activities organised by the Centre in the territory of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall enjoy the privileges and immunities equivalent to those provided for in Article IV of the General Convention.
2. International staff and international experts shall enjoy the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities equivalent to those provided for the Articles V and VII of the General Convention.
3. The representatives of the Specialized Agencies and their Officials participating in meetings and other activities organised by the Centre in the territory of the Arab Republic of Egypt, shall enjoy, as appropriate, the privileges and immunities provided for in the 1947 Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies.
4. All participants in meetings and activities of the Centre relevant to its regional role shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect to words, spoken or written, and any act performed by them in connection with their participation in meetings and activities.
5. The Government shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the entry into and exit from the Arab Republic of Egypt for all persons referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4 above are issued without delay. Visas and entry/exit permits, where required, shall be granted to them free of charge and as promptly as possible.
6. National staff of the Centre shall be accorded the appropriate facilities necessary for the independent exercise of their functions and duties for the Centre relevant to its regional role.

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7. Distinguished guests officially invited to attend meetings and other activities of the Centre shall be given unrestricted access to the meetings and activity areas and the premises of the Centre.

Article XV

Property, Funds and Assets of the Centre

1. The property, funds and assets of the Centre held and administered on behalf of UNEP, and those held and administered on behalf of the Parties to the Basel Convention, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities provided for in Article II of the General Convention.
2. Property, funds and assets transferred to the Centre pursuant to the Project Document signed between the Centre and UNEP or between the Centre and the Secretariat, in carrying out its regional role shall enjoy the privileges and immunities, exemptions and facilities provided for in Article II of the General Convention.

Article XVI

Liability

1. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any legal action, claim or other demand against the United Nations, UNEP, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention and the Secretariat or their officials, arising out of:
 - (a) Injury to persons or damage to or loss of property in the premises that are provided or are under the control of the Centre or the Government;
 - (b) Injury to persons or damage to or loss of property caused by, or incurred in using, the transport services provided or arranged by the Centre or the Government;
 - (c) The employment for the Centre or its meetings and activities of staff, international staff, consultants and experts.
2. The Government shall indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations, UNEP, the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention, the Secretariat and their officials in respect of any such legal action, claim or other demand except when such injury or damage was caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct of officials referred to above.

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3. With regard to any legal action, claim or any other demand against the Centre, its national staff, or entities other than those enumerated in paragraph 1, the laws and regulations of the Arab Republic of Egypt on liability shall apply in accordance with Article III, paragraph 2.

Article XVII Settlement of Disputes

1. The Secretariat and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt shall endeavour to settle any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of the present Agreement by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement.
2. Any dispute between the Secretariat and the Government which is not settled by negotiation or other agreed mode of settlement shall be submitted, at the request of either Party to the present Agreement to a dispute, to an arbitral tribunal composed of three members. Each Party to the present Agreement shall appoint one arbitrator and the two arbitrators so appointed shall appoint a third, who shall be the Chairman. If within 30 (thirty) days of the request for arbitration either Party to the present Agreement fails to appoint an arbitrator, or if within 15 (fifteen) days of the appointment of two arbitrators the third arbitrator has not been appointed, either Party to the present Agreement may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint an arbitrator. The procedure for arbitration shall be determined by the arbitrators, and the expenses of arbitration shall be borne by the Parties as assessed by the arbitrators. The arbitral tribunal shall reach its decision by a majority of votes on the basis of the applicable rules of international law. The arbitral award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be accepted by the Parties to the present Agreement as the final adjudication of the dispute, even if rendered in default of one of the Parties to the present Agreement.
3. The Government shall make provisions for appropriate modes of settlement of disputes arising out of contracts and other disputes of a private law character to which either Centre is a party, or disputes involving an official of the Centre who, by reason of his or her official position, enjoys immunity, if such immunity has not been waived. Any commercial dispute arising out of, or in accordance with the present Agreement or breach thereof, shall, unless it is settled by direct negotiation be settled in accordance with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) Arbitration Rules as at present in force. The Parties to the present Agreement shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy or claim.

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Article XVIII

Status of Annexes attached to the present Agreement

The annexes attached to the present Agreement constitute an integral part of the present Agreement.

Article XIX

Entry into Force, Duration, Amendment and Termination of the Agreement

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date the Egyptian Government notifies the Secretariat of the Basel Convention of the completion of the constitutional procedures necessary for the Agreement to enter into force, and it will remain in effect for an initial period of five years. Either Party to this Agreement may automatically extend this agreement for other similar periods of 5 (five) years, unless one or both Parties wish to terminate it and provide written notification to the other in this regard in accordance with the below paragraph on termination.
2. The present Agreement may be terminated by either Party to the present Agreement providing 6 (six) months' written notice to the other Party.
3. In case of termination, the present Agreement shall continue to remain in force for a period of 1 (one) year to allow for an orderly cessation of its activities.
4. No change in or modification to the present Agreement, including its annexes, shall be made except by prior written agreement between the Government and the Secretariat. This amendment shall enter into force according to the same procedures mentioned in the above paragraph 1.
5. Annex III may be updated through written communication made by the Director of the Centre to the Secretariat. The communication shall bear a copy of the written request of the Party consenting to be served by the Centre.
6. The Centre shall not assign, transfer, pledge, sub-contract or make other disposition of the present Agreement or any part thereof, or of any of the Centre's rights, claims or obligation under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the Secretariat.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto, signed the present Agreement

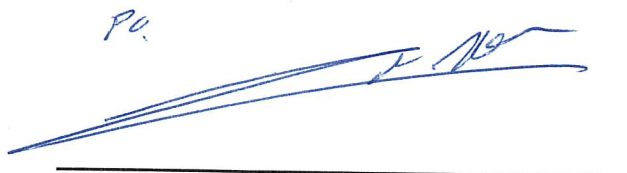
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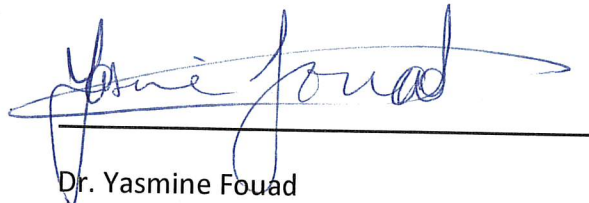
For the Arab Republic of Egypt:

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Dr. Rolph Payet
Executive Secretary

Date: 17 FEBRUARY 2022

Geneva, Switzerland



Dr. Yasmine Fouad
Minister of the Environment

Date:

Cairo, Egypt

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Annex I

Core functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres

The roles of the Centres are to assist Parties to the Basel Convention that are developing countries and countries with economies in transition, within their own region, through capacity building for the environmentally sound management to achieve the fulfilment of the objectives of the Convention.

The description of the core functions of the Centres are as follows:

1. Training;
2. Technology Transfer;
3. Information;
4. Consulting;
5. Awareness raising.

The explanations of the core functions of the Centres are as follows:

- (a) Developing and conducting training programmes, workshops, seminars and associated projects in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes, transfer of environmentally sound technology and minimisation of the generation of hazardous wastes with specific emphasis on training the trainers and the promotion of the ratification and implementation of the Basel Convention and its instruments.
- (b) Identifying, developing and strengthening mechanisms for the transfer of technology in the field of the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes or their minimisation in the region;
- (c) Gathering, assessing and disseminating information in the field of hazardous wastes and other wastes to Parties to the Basel Convention of the region and to the Secretariat;
- (d) Collecting information on new or proven environmentally sound technologies and know-how relating to environmentally sound management and minimisation of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes and disseminating these to Parties to the Basel Convention of the region at their request;
- (e) Establishing and maintaining regular exchange of information relevant to the provisions of the Basel Convention, and networking at the national and regional levels;

- (f) Organising meetings, symposiums and missions in the field, useful for carrying out these objectives in the region;
- (g) Providing assistance and advice to the Parties to the Basel Convention and non-Parties of the region at their request, on matters relevant to the environmentally sound management or minimisation of hazardous wastes, the implementation of the provisions of the Basel Convention and other related matters;
- (h) Promoting public awareness;
- (i) Encouraging the best approaches, practices and methodologies for the environmentally sound management and minimisation of the generation of hazardous wastes and other wastes, e.g. through case studies and pilot projects;
- (j) Cooperating with the United Nations and its bodies, in particular UNEP and the Specialized Agencies, and with other relevant intergovernmental organisations, industry and non-governmental organisations, and, where appropriate, with any other institution, in order to coordinate activities and develop and implement joint projects related to the provisions of the Basel Convention and develop synergies where appropriate with other multilateral environmental agreements;
- (k) Developing, within the general financial strategy approved by the Parties to the Basel Convention, the Centres' own strategy for financial sustainability;
- (l) Cooperating in mobilisation of human, financial and material means in order to meet the urgent needs at the request of the Party(ies) to the Basel Convention of the region faced with incidents or accidents which cannot be solved with the means of the individual Party(ies) to the Basel Convention concerned;
- (m) Performing any other functions assigned to it by relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties of the Basel Convention or by Parties of the region, consistent with such decisions.

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Annex II

Contributions of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt

The following shall be contributions of the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt towards the operation of the Centre:

A. Personnel:

Director of the Centre – Full time;

Technical Officer – Full time;

Secretary of the Director – Full time;

Technical Advisor – 50%;

Office Messenger (worker) – 50%.

B. Premises and Services:

Furnished office space – 150 sq. m.;

Meeting room: capacity 30 participants;

Store room – 9 sq. m.;

Office equipment: 2 computers with a laser printer and a DeskJet colour printer, A4 scanner, telephone, fax machine and photocopier;

Electricity and water services.

C. In Cash Contribution

Annually US\$ 2,000 in local currency for operation costs.

Annex III

List of the Parties to the Basel Convention served by the Centre

1. Algeria
2. Bahrain
3. Comoros
4. Djibouti
5. Egypt
6. Iraq
7. Jordan
8. Kuwait
9. Lebanon
10. Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
11. Mauritania
12. Morocco
13. Oman
14. Qatar
15. Saudi Arabia
16. Somalia
17. State of Palestine
18. Sudan
19. Syrian Arab Republic
20. Tunisia
21. United Arab Emirates
22. Yemen

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