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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Regional Joint ECLAC/UNEP Meeting on the Environmentally
Sound Management of Hazardous Wastes in Latin America
and the Caribbean and the Implementation of the
Basel Convention

Santiago, Chile, 15 - 19 November 1993

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the provisional agenda.
3. General introduction to the topic of waste management policies in the region. Urban, industrial and hazardous wastes. Scientific, technological, economic, legal, political and health aspects. Clean production initiatives and changing production patterns in the region. The precautionary and "polluter pays" principles. Transport of hazardous wastes to and within the region, including for recycling. Illegal traffic.
4. Regional policies on the import or export of hazardous wastes. Subregional initiatives for the transport and disposal of hazardous wastes: Caribbean; South-East Pacific and Central America. Agreements in other developing regions.
5. National experience in the management of hazardous wastes.

6. Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Scope and objectives; rights and duties; challenges for the parties. Activities linked to the Convention and to the mandates emanating from the first Conference of the parties. Data collection and dissemination. Use of notification and movement documents. Transmission of information.
7. Experience of developed countries in national accounting of movements of hazardous wastes and training of customs officers to detect hazardous substances and wastes.
8. Hazardous substances. Potentially toxic chemicals. The London Guidelines and prior informed consent.
9. Environmentally sustainable management of hazardous substances and wastes in Agenda 21; responsibilities of the United Nations system at the international and regional levels under chapters 37 and 38 of Agenda 21. Compliance with General Assembly resolution 44/226 on traffic in and disposal, control and transboundary movements of toxic and dangerous products and wastes.
10. Formulation of recommendations on future cooperation activities among ECLAC, UNEP and the other components of the United Nations system for the optimum implementation of the relevant chapters of Agenda 21 and of General Assembly resolution 44/226.
11. Adoption of the report of the meeting.