

Annex IV - Terms of Reference of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee of the Waigani Convention

1. Each Party shall designate *a suitable representative and alternate* to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) who may be accompanied by other experts and advisers appointed by that Party.
2. The Conference of the Parties shall determine the matters to be considered by the STAC which will fulfill such tasks and report to the next Conference of the Parties. This will include inter alia:
 - a) In collaboration with the Secretariat, the examination of information provided by Parties on measures taken to implement the Convention and the formulation of recommendations on the necessary actions to be undertaken for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.
 - b) The provision through the Secretariat of guidance on the development of plans, programmes and measures related to the technical and scientific aspects (awareness, training, legal, scientific) of the implementation of the Convention.
 - c) The provision of advice on the development/adaptation of guidelines and standards for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes.
 - d) The review of guidelines, standards and other relevant documents prior to adoption by the Conference of Parties.
 - e) The provision of advice on priority measures and activities in the legal and technical fields for the implementation of the Convention.
 - f) The assistance with co-ordination of work at the global, regional and national levels including the necessary linkages with relevant global Conventions.
 - g) The provision of advice to the Secretariat and the Parties on the technical and scientific needs of the Convention.
 - h) Assessment and prioritisation of the work-programme and budget for the implementation of the Convention and submission to the Conference of Parties
3. The Committee will perform such other functions relating to the implementation of the Convention as may be instructed by the Conference of the Parties.
4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 2 and 3 of this TOR a Party may add any other specific issue in direct relation to the implementation of the Convention on the mandate of the STAC, *with the approval of all Parties*.
5. Notwithstanding rule 22.3 of the Rules of Procedures of the Conference of the Parties which apply *mutatis mutandis* to the meeting of the STAC, the latter could elect its own Chairperson.