



**Preventing illegal transboundary movements of hazardous and other waste**

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## What is the Basel Convention?

- Adopted: 22 March 1989
- Entered into force: 5 May 1992
- 183 parties
- Out of 57 OSCE participating States – 53 parties



# What is the Basel Convention?



# Waste?



## Main elements



1. Prior informed consent procedure
2. Conditions on transboundary movements
3. Environmentally sound management
4. Ban Amendment
5. Illegal traffic



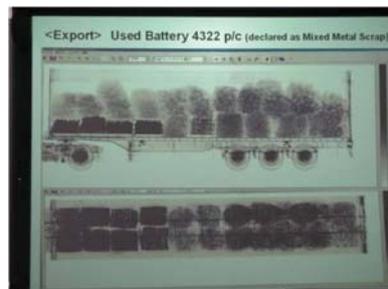
## Illegal traffic under Basel Convention



Definition: Article 9, paragraph 1:

Transboundary movement of hazardous wastes or other wastes will be considered as illegal traffic:

- a) Without notification
- b) Without consent
- c) With consent obtained through falsification, misrepresentation or fraud
- d) That does not conform with documents
- e) Results in deliberate disposal ('dumping')



## Illegal traffic



Parties consider that illegal traffic in hazardous wastes is **criminal**

- Under Article 9, paragraph 5, each Party is required to introduce appropriate national legislation to prevent and punish illegal traffic



## Cooperation



**At the domestic level: cooperation between competent authorities, customs, police, port authorities and prosecutors**

### **International cooperation**

Article 9, paragraph 5:

- *'...Parties shall co-operate with a view to achieving the objects of this article'*.

## The Environmental Network for Optimizing Regulatory Compliance on Illegal Traffic (ENFORCE)

- Mission:

- To promote parties' compliance with the provisions of BC pertaining to preventing and combating illegal traffic in hazardous and other wastes through the better implementation and enforcement of national law.
- To improve cooperation and coordination between relevant entities with a specific mandate to deliver capacity-building activities and tools on preventing and combating illegal traffic

- Membership:

NB. Ms. Gordana Vesligaj (Croatia) - CEE

Basel Convention Regional Centre for Central Europe, Slovakia (BCRC Slovakia) - CEE

- Cooperation on the global level (participation in the Conference of Parties and other meetings, ENFORCE)
- Capacity-building and training activities
- Promote cooperation at the national level
- Cooperation on gender issues...



## THANK YOU!

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