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’)
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’.
ENFORCE

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
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In conclusion…

- 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…
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