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Please find attached the power point presentation by Mr. Pierre Portas, Deputy Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Basel Convention, delivered to Session V (*The link between transport and the environment: the role of Aarhus Centres; transport of dangerous goods and energy resources and their environmental impact*), of the 14th OSCE Economic Forum, Part 2, Prague, 22-24 May 2006.

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Advancing regional security and environmental performance

A contribution of the Basel Convention

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Environmentally sound management (ESM)

- Environmentally Sound Management in the context of the Basel Convention encompasses the controls necessary to achieve the objectives of preventing and minimizing harm or risk of damage to human health and the environment which can be caused by all wastes and in particular hazardous wastes.

It means:

- Controlling transboundary movements of hazardous and other wastes
- Reducing transboundary movements of such waste
- Treating and disposing of hazardous and other wastes as close as possible to their source of generation
- Minimizing their quantity and hazardousness





ESM

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A Regional Level Playing Field

- In order to improve enforcement and minimize harm there is a need to work towards establishing regional level playing field. This would:
 - a) Assist economic operators to follow coherent sets of rules, procedures, criteria and guidelines
 - b) Eliminate unscrupulous dealers or brokers

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- To establish such a regional level playing field, you need to enhance and support:
 - a) *Predictability* (e.g. Basel Convention control system; WCO Harmonized System)
 - b) *Transparency* (e.g. what moves across frontiers; classification of materials, their characteristics and properties);
 - c) *Traceability* (e.g. where the materials come from and where they go; how are these materials dealt with; extended producer responsibility)



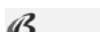
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Public-Private Partnerships

The Basel Convention is a unique forum where all concerned stakeholders can work together to build the know-how and capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to minimize, reduce, recycle, recover and treat hazardous and other wastes in a way to protect human health and the environment through:

- *Public-Private Partnership* on key strategic waste streams such as:
 - Electronic wastes
 - Obsolete stocks of pesticides
 - POP wastes
 - Used lead-acid batteries
 - Used oils
 - Biomedical and healthcare wastes
 - Asbestos




Public-Private Partnerships

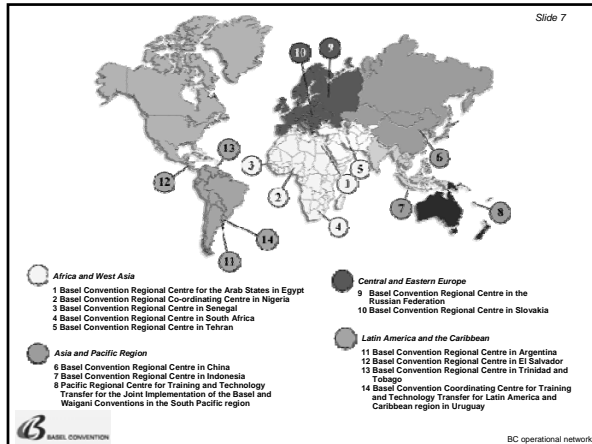
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Regional Operational Network

- The 14 Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres, operating on all continents, have the capacity to contribute to the promotion of security and environmental performance by
 - Delivering regional certification schemes for the ESM of recyclables to improve environmental performance of recycling facilities
 - Providing services as centre of excellence for information sharing on sound technologies and best practices, for access to knowledge and know-how on wastes, and for building an information base on the ESM of recyclables and their trade
 - Providing awareness and training on matters pertaining to enforcement and cooperation in combatting and preventing illegal traffic



Regional Operational Network



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- ### Policy Directions
- 4 critical policy directions are required to guide governments in achieving the goals of the Basel Convention:
 - Waste Minimization
 - Regional Approach to ESM
 - Life-cycle Management
 - Integrated Waste Management
 - These integrated policy directions will support efforts towards transportation security and regional cooperation while addressing countries specificities
 - By implementing the Basel Convention in an effective way such policies are translated into concrete actions for the benefit of people and the environment.
- Policy Direction

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- ### Possible cooperation with OSCE on Strategic Hazardous Waste Streams
- Turn risks and hazards of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes into opportunities for cooperation in the framework of the Basel Convention
 - Analysis of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes to get a clear picture of the flow
 - Development of a programme for the sound management and disposal of obsolete stocks of pesticides and prevention of their accumulation
 - Inventory
 - Disposal options
 - Strategic Partnership (with FAO, the World Bank, Industry, etc.)
- Possible cooperation

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- Development of programmes to recycle or dispose of transformers containing PCBs, using the National Implementation Plan prepared in the context of the Stockholm Convention on POPs
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