

BAN Intervention on the e-PIC project

Thank you Mr. President. BAN wishes to register our full support of the pilot project undertaken by the ITI, the electronics manufacturers, who have voluntarily offered their resources and skills to create an interactive, digitized, electronic version of the Prior Informed Consent procedures they are calling e-PIC.

The Basel PIC procedure was never meant to be a means to delay or encumber legitimate waste trade and yet as we know, the paperwork regime as originally envisioned 30 some years ago, all too often has that unwelcome effect.

The Basel Convention itself is not an obstacle to the circular economy and should never be perceived in that way. Rather is a codification of the ethical and responsible rules of the road for a responsible circular economy, when it involves legitimate transboundary movements. These will be the necessary shipments that take place to internalize costs rather than externalize them.

What appears as an obstacle at times, is the awkwardness of the PIC procedure as it is practiced in a manual and antiquated way today. It has become imperative then, to solve this problem that currently frustrates Parties and stakeholders. It is clear its time to improve and streamline the implementation of our vital Basel rules of the road for waste trade. In that regard, we very much welcome the various pilot projects undertaken, including that proposed by ITI in their e-PIC project.

We thank you.