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Trans-boundary control movements of hazardous wastes

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Abstract

The Basel Convention is an international agreement between states on the control of the movement of harmful wastes across national borders and their disposal (hereinafter referred to as the "Basel Convention"), which was approved in 1989, when the media drew attention to numerous cases of inappropriate waste disposal in Eastern Europe and Africa. This document explains that this Basel Convention does not live up to its promise to protect the developing country and how to reduce the transboundary impact of harmful wastes with increasing environmental and human health issues. It is argued that the rules of this convention mostly focus on dangerous activities under the national jurisdiction of a state and affecting other states, but do not provide sufficient guidance as they recall some of the limitations of this Basel Convention. However, if the above problems continue, it will have a huge impact on human health and the environment. This document will show the way to control hazardous wastes and secure the environment, including human health, and then protect the source of production with the sustainable use of assets by developing the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes.

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1. Introduction

One Italian company horror story focuses on the illegal dumping of 2,100 tonnes of toxic waste in Nigeria [1]. Empirical data show that the total annual worldwide production of hazardous wastes skyrocketed from 5 million metric tons to 3,000 million metric tons by 1990. The United States, which produces the most waste, exports more than 250 million tons of waste, of which more than 40.7 million have been designated as hazardous. The main factors are shrinking waste disposal sites, stricter national legislation, higher domestic disposal costs and increased liability concerns. Over the past 30 years, the amount of hazardous waste has expanded exponentially.

The aim of this convention is to limit the transboundary impact of harmful waste and to protect the source [2]. and then the sustainable use of the property by developing the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes. The main objective of this agreement is to control the international trade in hazardous wastes in order to protect the environment and human health [3]. But most of the time these goals will not be achieved on the basis of this convention. For example, many countries are unable to build hazardous waste management infrastructure due to insufficient economies of scale and efficiency. However, According to Katharina Kummer [4].

"Seven years after the entry into force of the Basel Convention, its institutional framework is well established."

In this article, I will try to focus on the main problems of the Basel Convention and finally give some thoughts on how this problem can be determined by the disposal of hazardous waste when improperly disposed of using this convention.

2.1 History of the Basel Convention with negotiations

2.1.1 Primary history

The Basel Convention was implemented in 1989 and enforced on 5 May 1992. Since the early 1980s, the international environmental agenda has focused on the supervision of hazardous wastes and the Montevideo Major Program established in 1981 on environmental law. The Convention was signed by the following 13 contracting parties as of the signature deadline: France, Denmark, Finland, Costa Rica, Luxembourg, Colombia, Sweden, Switzerland, Chile, Monaco, the United Kingdom of Great Britain, Hungary, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Northern Ireland [5].

2.1.2 Basel Convention negotiation process (1987-1989)

Until 1997, the UNEP Governing Council provided a non-binding legal instrument through the Cairo Guidelines intended to support governments in implementing and developing their national governance policies [6]. It is then proposed for a joint proposal by the Hungary and Switzerland, and this joint proposal is directed by the UNEP Board of Governors and Hungary, Switzerland to the Executive Director to explain the global agreement on the control of transboundary movement of hazardous waste.

The decision resulting from the negotiations is later approved by the United Nations General Assembly. In a short period of less than two years, the Board of Governors shall establish a timetable for the discussion and elaboration of this resolution. An ad hoc working group of legal and technical experts began its discussions on the control of transboundary movements of hazardous wastes at the 1987 Structural Conference and held approximately five meetings between 1987 and 1989.

2.1.3 Proxy meeting

In 1989, at the invitation of the Swiss government, a meeting of plenipotentiaries for the International Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes is organized in Basel, where 116 states are represented. Eight resolutions related to the further progress and development of the Basel Convention are also implemented. The final act is signed by the European Economic Community (EEC) and one hundred and five states at a conference in Basel. This convention was signed in 1990 by the EEC and 53 states and enforced in 1992 on the merits of the twentieth apparatus of the agreement.

3.1 Creation of the Basel Convention for the management of transboundary movements of dangerous substances

This Basel Convention contains 29 articles and 6 annexes. According to Article 1 [7]. Hazardous wastes belong to any category if they do not have any of the characteristics in Annex 3. In Article 3, [8]. Each Party shall notify the Secretariat of this Agreement for harsh environments other than those listed in Annexes 1 and 11. Article 5 [9]. it talks about the competence of the competent authorities and the main points.

On the other hand, cross-border movement will take place between Parties and States that are not Contracting Parties, or from a Party through a State cross-border movement through non-member states under Article 6 [10]. Respectively 7. Illegal tariffs, international cooperation, bilateral agreement, regional agreement, secretariat function, dispute settlement were also discussed in this Basel Convention.

In addition, this convention has a conference party, reservations and declarations, ratification, acceptance, formal confirmation or approval, amendment of the convention, consultation on responsibility, etc. On the other hand, it deals with annexes, where annex 1 gives categories of wastes, categories of wastes requiring special attention and then the characteristics of the dangerous list. In Annex 4 we focus on how operators dispose and finally this convention deals with arbitration under Annex 6.

4. Commitment of the Basel Convention

The parties do not take any step for hazardous waste, where the two groups therefore theoretically differ in the position of countries [11]. Each the party will take appropriate steps to secure the group of hazardous wastes to minimize the social,

technological and economic aspects and to protect pollution and illegal traffic if they are a threat to human health and the atmosphere [12].

Under Article 4(5), a Party will not permit hazardous waste to be transferred to a non-member and also smuggled by a non-member, but I believe that section has been limited in Article 5(6).), as this article is not permitted to parties in the 60°S Antarctic region for non-hazardous waste. Transportation of hazardous waste into national jurisdiction by other states was strictly prohibited. The Parties shall take appropriate measures if the exporting State has no technical capacity or required equipment [13]. This convention also restricts the rights and freedom of navigation of ships and aircraft in territorial waters and continental shelves under international law [14]. The exceptional arrangement consists in the fact that the issue of waste is not removed from the Basel Convention in the additional agreement. Article 4 of the Basel Convention talks about reducing waste production. Despite these materials, there is a strict requirement for the authorization of notifications and the performance of waste measurements across state borders are observed if this convention provides for a general ban on the export or import of waste between contracting parties and non-contracting parties pursuant to section 4 letter a) and paragraph 4 letter b). But in the case of *Canada vs. Philippines* [15] Canada refuses to dispose of 50 containers of household waste being illegally shipped to the Philippines without the consent of the country concerned. This is a criminal offense under the Basel Convention, which is contrary to the procedures of the Convention under Article 4(2), 4(b), 9 and Annex 11. Based on Article 9, no one is allowed to trade illegally without notifying the other State.

At this point, I believe that Canada as a member party is in violation of the Basel Convention. So the question remains, what will a member party or a non-member party do with the next generation? In this step, the Basel Convention should establish the proper law and appropriate penalties for violations of the obligations arising from the Basel procedures, although there is no domestic law in Canada that authorizes the dispute.

However, if this process continues as Canada, the transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in the future will remain as in the following table, increasing from 1993 to 2001, unless this Convention takes appropriate action against parties for violating the requirements of this Convention.

In recent tragedy in cote d Ivoire, 500 tons of toxic slop initiating in industrialized countries are inclined inadequately where 100000 people are killed or injured [21]. From environmental catastrophes, it is clearly understood that this convention does not justify its promise of shielding a developing nation [22]. However, Basel ban amendment assessed in 1995 when barred all importance of hazardous wastes to states and was not itemized in annex VII of this convention. It may have banned the cote d, Ivoire and supplementary catastrophes. This ban still has been become unsuccessful to save the support obligatory to be entered into force creates hazardous waste. against article 4. (a) of the Basle Convention but no step is properly taken by this convention More importantly, the rules of this convention are mainly concentrated on hazardous activities under the national jurisdiction of the state and affecting other states, but they do not provide sufficient guidance. In this position, such a toxic substance is transferred by a probable source of

pollution from a state of generation into the region of another nation- state ^[23]. The sovereignty right of the state is forbidden for importing hazardous which is referred in this convention ^[24]. According to article 4(g), is said that a party does not permit the dangerous harsh environment or another harsh environment to be transferred to a non-member party or to be imported from a non- member Party ^[25]. It is clearly observed in article 11 that the concept of a ban has been limited by the multilateral, bilateral and regional agreement. In my opinion, if this convention is maintained by above multilateral agreements, the provisions of Basel convention cannot be affected on transboundary movements. However, in the case of Greenpeace USA v. Stone ^[26] it is said that.

Although Basel fails, implementing legislation of Basel convention is ratified next in London dumping, Research, and Sanctuaries Act and the Marine Protection.

Lamentably, this convention preserves the hazards but it does not legally binding destruction obligation rather it only makes offer weakly as non- binding disposal guidelines ^[27]. Most of those disposal rules and guiding principles only apply in the context of hazardous waste and have moved across a national border ^[28]. This Convention does not recommend how POPs wastes should be demolished, beyond the most general and legally non-binding terms ^[29]. Furthermore, no clear definition is defined hazardous waste because the definition of hazardous waste is unsettled which is administered by the personal determination of each individual country and sampling methodologies are not demarcated in this convention ^[30].

I think that this law is not independent because it is also involved with many laws like a stock home declaration. In my view, The Convention holds illegal hazardous waste traffic which is a criminal issue and does not support any enforcement provisions.

9. Conclusions

In a nutshell, the Basel Convention should seek to minimize the movement of wastes that cross international borders through an established regime of rules and measures that protect people from hazardous wastes and pollution. Some problems are noted here because this convention does not achieve uniformity. There is an urgent need for authorities to address the right ways to promote appropriate implementation worldwide. The recommendation of some scientists is that developing countries should develop proper enforcement of implementing provisions built on the administrative capacities of the republic. This could allow developing countries to protect themselves from the colonialism of toxic waste, but many countries are not responding to these problems. In this issue, countries should seek solutions for a regional approach and try to limit the movement of waste across international borders through rules and procedures. In addition, each country will choose the theory of "prevention is better than cure" and will follow this convention accordingly according to the discovery rules in the Basel Convention.

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