



U.S.-Mexico Border Scrap Tire Management Partnership Initiative

Background:

The U.S.-Mexico border region has a history of health and environmental issues concerning the management and disposal of scrap tires.

To address this issues, at a U.S.-Mexico Binational Commission (BNC) meeting, the head of the Mexican Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) and the head of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a Letter of Intent to develop a border scrap tire management initiative. In response to the Letter of Intent, the U.S.-Mexico Border 2012 Hazardous and Solid Waste Policy Forum has developed the U.S.-Mexico Scrap Tire Integrated Management Initiative document.

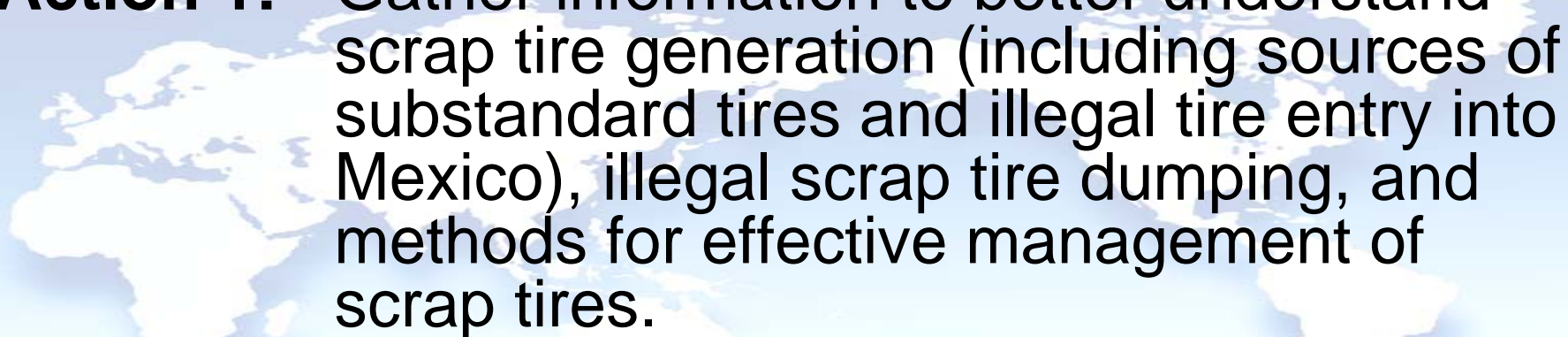
Purpose:

- To provide a framework for the two countries on scrap tire management within a sustainable development vision.
- To establish a clear and consistent understanding of shared principles, and program actions necessary to properly manage scrap tires.

Basic Principles:

- Better understand the problems contributing to scrap tire generation
- Prevent new tire piles
- Clean-up “legacy” (existing) tire piles using environmentally sound and cost-effective solutions
- Involve stakeholders and communities in creating solutions.

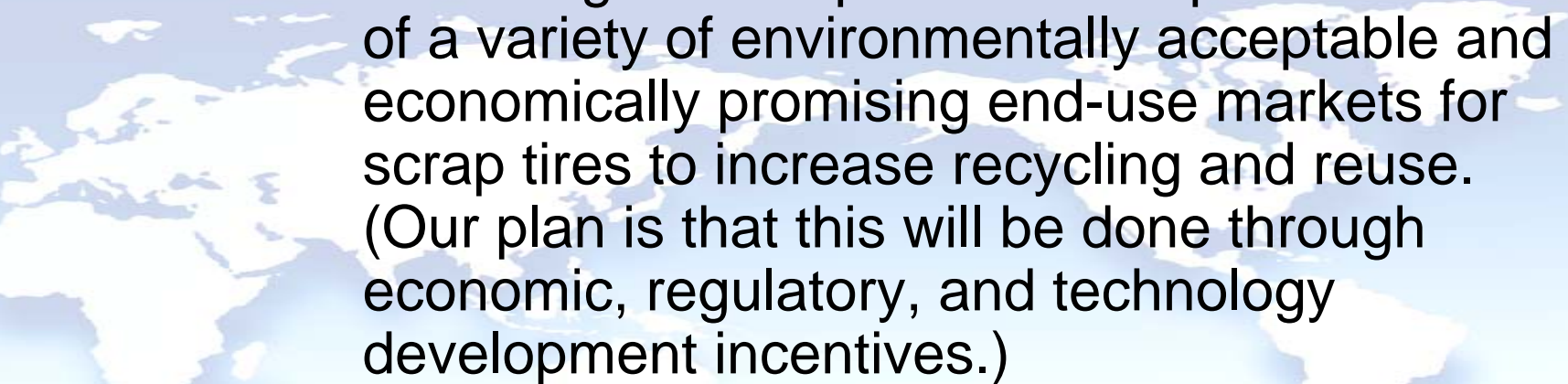
Actions 1 & 2:



Action 1: Gather information to better understand scrap tire generation (including sources of substandard tires and illegal tire entry into Mexico), illegal scrap tire dumping, and methods for effective management of scrap tires.

Action 2: Consider federal, state, and local-level regulatory options to administer scrap tire management programs.

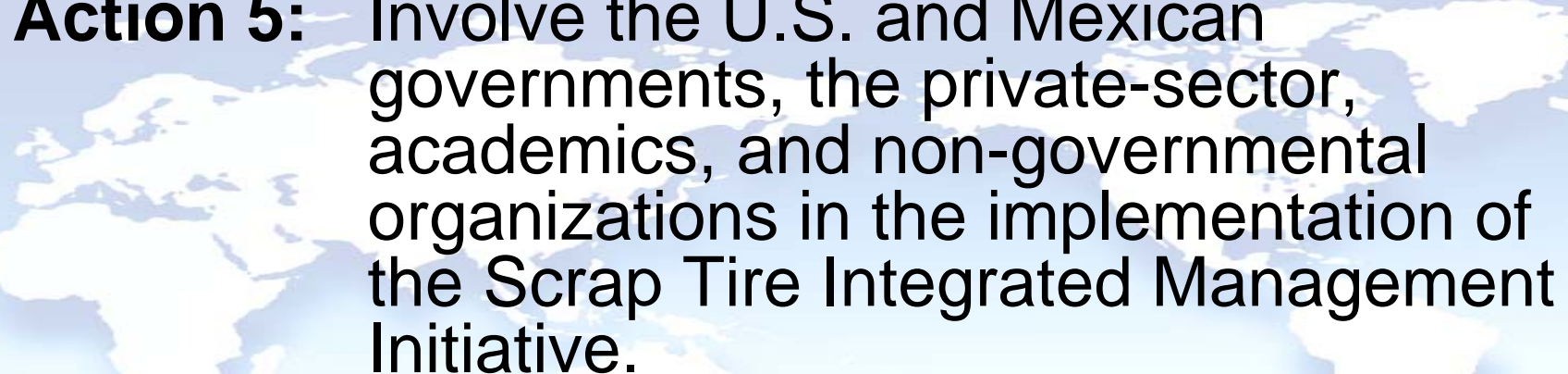
Actions 3 & 4:



Action 3: Encourage development and implementation of a variety of environmentally acceptable and economically promising end-use markets for scrap tires to increase recycling and reuse. (Our plan is that this will be done through economic, regulatory, and technology development incentives.)

Action 4: Abate tire piles by seeking funding to eliminate legacy scrap tire piles, and invest in and adequately manage temporary storage and transfer stations to facilitate recycling and/or reuse of scrap tires.


Actions 5 & 6:



Action 5: Involve the U.S. and Mexican governments, the private-sector, academics, and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the Scrap Tire Integrated Management Initiative.

Action 6: Establish and implement educational outreach programs on scrap tire recycling and reuse opportunities geared towards a diverse audience of stakeholders.

Next Steps:



One of the first steps for the U.S. and Mexico, after signing the Management Initiative, is to seek funding for its implementation. Upon availability of funding, both countries will develop a process to implement the Initiative.

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