

VI/4. Business plans of the Basel Convention Regional Centres

The Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the activities undertaken by the Basel Convention Regional Centres and the secretariat regarding the preparation and review of the Centres' business plans for the biennium 2003-2004,

1. Requests the secretariat to provide further assistance to the Regional Centres in finalizing their business plans, as contained in document UNEP/CHW.6/INF/5, based on consultations with countries to be served by the respective Centre and in their implementation;

2. Invites Governments, international organizations, financial institutions, the private sector and local authorities to support the implementation of the business plans through the Trust Fund to Assist Developing Countries and Other Countries in Need of Technical Assistance in the Implementation of the Basel Convention or through direct arrangements with the Regional Centres;

3. Authorizes the secretariat to facilitate access to the financial resources that could be allocated to projects presented and to be formulated by the Basel Convention Regional Centres in their role in carrying out the implementation of the Basel Declaration on Environmentally Sound Management and the priority actions of the strategic plan for the implementation of the Basel Convention, using contributions from the Trust Fund for the Basel Convention, as periodically agreed upon by the Conference of the Parties;

4. Urges the Regional Centres and their constituencies to intensify their fund-raising activities in order to make the operations of the Centres self-sustained;

5. Requests the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting on the progress in the implementation of the business plans.