

VII/10. Establishment of a Basel Convention regional centre in Tehran

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of the feasibility study submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran for the establishment of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer in Tehran,

Recognizing the intention of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Maldives, Nepal and Pakistan to establish a national institution with a regional role to act as a Basel Convention regional centre through the conclusion of a framework agreement with the Secretariat of the Basel Convention on behalf of the Parties to the Convention in conformity with the decisions of the Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming the offer of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to meet the operational costs of the centre for the first three to five years at a rate of US\$ 100,000 per annum,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to conclude a framework agreement with the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish the Basel Convention Regional Centre for Training and Technology Transfer in Tehran;

2. *Calls upon* the Basel Convention regional centre in Tehran that will be so created, having regard to the need to avoid duplication of activities and to maximize the benefits derived from financial and other resources, to:

(a) Establish a regular line of communication with the neighbouring Basel Convention regional centres;

(b) Utilize the expertise of the neighbouring Basel Convention regional centres to conduct seminars, workshops, training courses and exhibitions, when needed;

(c) Consult the neighbouring Basel Convention regional centres with a view to ensuring cooperation and coordination, when needed.