

VIII/3: Establishment of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for South Asia at the SACEP secretariat in Colombo, Sri Lanka

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 3 of its decision III/19,

Recalling also its decision VII/10,

Taking into account the proposal for the establishment of a centre that will provide benefits to the countries of the South Asia region and serve the objectives of the Basel Convention in the best possible way and that the countries of that region have agreed to the proposal to establish a regional centre in the intergovernmental institution the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme in Colombo, Sri Lanka,

1. *Mandates* the Open-ended Working Group at its next meeting to consider in detail the proposal for the establishment of the regional centre for South Asia in the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme based on the feasibility study for the establishment of the centre, consulting with relevant Parties;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit the recommendations of the Open-ended Working Group to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting for its consideration and appropriate action.