

OEWG-IV/1: Basel Convention Partnership Programme

The Open-ended Working Group,

Welcoming the progress made in the implementation of the work plan for the Basel Convention Partnership Programme for 2005–2006,

Noting with gratitude the funds provided by Parties and signatories to support the Partnership Programme,

Mindful of the importance of putting in place public-private partnerships to achieve the goals of the Basel Convention,

Recognizing the challenges of bringing together interested stakeholders and the need for additional financial resources to carry out the Partnership Programme,

1 *Notes with appreciation* the activities carried out by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Basel Convention regional and coordinating centres to implement the Partnership Programme;

2 *Encourages* Parties actively to participate in and contribute to the implementation of the Partnership Programme, including by developing initiatives of their own;

3 *Requests* the Secretariat to pursue its efforts, within available resources, to develop further partnerships on key activities identified in the Partnership Programme under the guidance of the Open-ended Working Group;

4 *Invites* Parties, signatories and public and private partners to provide in-kind and voluntary contributions to support the key activities of the Partnership Programme;

5 *Further requests* the Secretariat to accelerate its programmed work aimed at developing and implementing a fund-raising programme to develop new partnerships, and to identify and contact likely donors;

6 *Encourages* stakeholders, in particular industry, to join in the efforts undertaken by Parties to implement the Partnership Programme, in particular regarding the environmentally sound management of electrical and electronic equipment;

7 *Also requests* the Secretariat to report to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session on the implementation of the Partnership Programme.