

VII/1. Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions VI/1 and VI/2, by which it adopted the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention to 2010 as the major instrument to give further effect to the Basel Declaration on Environmentally Sound Management,

Noting with appreciation the report by the Secretariat on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan,

Welcoming the progress made in the implementation of the project proposals approved under the Strategic Plan,

Recalling that the Open-ended Working Group should review and amend as necessary the action table in the light of experience gained in the implementation of the activities in 2003-2004,

Noting that a sustainable and adequate financial basis is essential for the implementation of priority actions of the strategic plan up to 2010,

1. *Agrees* that Parties and the Basel Convention regional centres, in partnership with other stakeholders, should continue to promote the implementation of the Strategic Plan;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to assist the Parties and the Basel Convention regional centres in the preparation of projects for submission to donors in 2005–2006;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to assist the Parties, the Basel Convention regional centres and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of priority activities contained in the Strategic Plan under the guidance of the Open-ended Working Group and in the preparation of partnership programmes to support the Strategic Plan;

4. *Strongly encourages* recipient Parties to include priorities for projects that implement the Strategic Plan in their national development assistance programmes and to request other Parties, the Basel Convention regional centres and the Secretariat to help them approach donors for assistance in mobilizing available financial resources to that end;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting on progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan and, as appropriate, to the Open-ended Working Group on experience gained and obstacles encountered.