

**OEWG-III/1: Selection of project proposals under the Strategic Plan for the Implementation of the Basel Convention**

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Recalling* that in annex II to the report of its first session it considered that the attention of the Parties should be drawn to the need for a better process to evaluate the merits of project proposals,

*Concerned* that significantly increased funding would be required to ensure adequate funding for the project proposals identified under the Strategic Plan,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to organize and compile the project proposals, submitted by Parties or Basel Convention regional centres on or before 30 November 2004, for submission to the Open-ended Working Group for its consideration;

2. *Recommends* that each project should require not more than 10 per cent of the total funds allocated by the Conference of the Parties for this purpose;

3. *Requests* the Secretariat to distribute to the Parties, in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of all project proposals that meet all group 1 relevant criteria contained in the appendix to decision VI/2;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to distribute to the Parties, in accordance with rule 10 of the rules of procedure, an evaluation for information and guidance of all project proposals that meet all group 1 relevant criteria, on the basis of the group 2 value criteria contained in the appendix to decision VI/2;

5. *Encourages* Parties, according to regional groups and in consultation with regional centres as appropriate, to make every effort to place all project proposals from their region in clear order of priority, with no equal rankings, on the basis of the group 2 value criteria contained in the appendix to decision VI/2, using the evaluation prepared by the Secretariat;

6. *Agrees* to consider the proposals submitted that meet all group 1 relevant criteria in the order of priority determined for each regional group and to choose those that qualify for funding, taking into account regional and national diversities and specificities as appropriate;

7. *Encourages* the co-funding of projects wherever possible.