

VI/7. Proposal to establish a Basel Convention Regional Centre in the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision III/19 on the establishment of regional or subregional centres for training and technology transfer regarding the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation,

Taking note of the proposal for the establishment of the Basel Convention Regional Centre for West and Central Asia in Tehran, submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran,

Taking note also of a preliminary feasibility study submitted by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the establishment of the Centre,

1. Welcomes the offer of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the Basel Convention Regional Centre for West and Central Asia for training and technology transfer for the management of hazardous wastes and other wastes and the minimization of their generation;

2. Invites the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to develop further and complete the feasibility study in consultation with the countries in the region and the Basel Convention Regional Centres located in China, Egypt, Indonesia and the Russian Federation with a view to defining the relationship between the proposed Centre and those Centres;

3. Also invites the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to undertake activities to ascertain the needs of the region and the capacity of the proposed Centre to address such needs;

4. Requests the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in consultation with the secretariat, to submit to the Conference of the Parties for consideration at its seventh meeting a final proposal for the establishment of the Centre, taking into account the agreed basic elements of the Framework Agreement and the core functions of the Basel Convention Regional Centres.