

OEWG-IV/9: Sustainable financing

The Open-ended Working Group,

Recalling decision VII/40 on sustainable financing,

Welcoming the first draft of the study on the examination of article 14 prepared by the Secretariat,

1. *Invites* Parties and other stakeholders to provide comments to the Secretariat on the first draft of the study, preferably before 1 October 2005;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to include in the final study an analysis of the relationship between the environmentally sound management of waste and the achievement of the objectives of other multilateral environmental agreements and of the Millennium Development Goals, drawing on existing work on resource mobilization;

3. *Also requests* the Secretariat to include in the final study an analysis of the experience of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in establishing a formal link with, and gaining access to, the Global Environmental Facility, bearing in mind that the outcome of this study will not affect the right of any Party to submit a proposal for an amendment to the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit the final version of the study on the examination of article 14 to the Open-ended Working Group at its fifth session.