

SC-4/24: Needs assessment

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the report by the Secretariat on the assessment of funding needs of Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the provisions of the Convention over the period 2010–2014;¹

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to transmit that report to the Global Environment Facility for consideration during the fifth replenishment process of the Global Environment Facility and action as appropriate;

3. *Invites*, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 13 of the Convention, developed country Parties, other Parties and other sources, including relevant funding institutions and the private sector, to provide, by 31 December 2009, information to the Secretariat on ways in which they can support the Convention;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare a report, on the basis of the information to be provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of the present decision, reviewing the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and ways and means of mobilizing and channelling those resources in support of the objectives of the Convention, as requested by the Conference of Plenipotentiaries in its resolution 2, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth meeting;

5. *Requests* the Secretariat to prepare terms of reference for the assessment of funding needs for Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition to implement the Convention over the period 2015–2019 for consideration and possible adoption at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The terms of reference should be based on the terms of reference set forth in the annex to decision SC-3/15, taking into consideration the observations and recommendations in paragraphs 22–26 of the report referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision;

6. *Requests* the Secretariat to develop a simple and consistent format that would facilitate Parties' assessment and reporting of the funding used during the period 2010–2014 and their funding needs for 2015–2019 for the implementation of the Convention, based on the recommendations included in the report on needs assessment referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/27, annex.