

SC-2/11: Additional guidance to the Financial Mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to continue to work with the Secretariat of the Convention to finalize Operational Programme 14 incorporating the guidance by the Conference of the Parties as soon as possible;

2. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to exercise any necessary flexibility in applying its criteria for access in order to ensure compatibility with the country eligibility criteria established by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-1/9 in accordance with the specific priorities and needs of eligible countries;

3. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its regular reports to the Conference of the Parties a more in-depth analysis of its financing, including co-financing, in its persistent organic pollutants portfolio, which includes sources, mechanisms, arrangements and trends;

4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility to use its network in identifying other sources of finance for persistent organic pollutant activities and to continue to develop operational requirements which facilitate and guide the approach and actions of its implementing agencies and executing agencies to proactively assist in mobilizing other sources of financing for persistent organic pollutants projects from multilateral and bilateral sources and non-governmental organizations, including the private sector;

5. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to clarify its approach to the application of the concept of incremental costs in its activities in the persistent organic pollutants focal area;

6. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to dedicate a section of its website on Operational Programme 14 to guidance on how to apply for funding and to finalize as soon as possible its operations manual related to the Stockholm Convention;

7. *Further requests* the Global Environment Facility to consider the guidance from the Conference of the Parties on incremental costs;

8. *Notes* that the Resource Allocation Framework of the Global Environment Facility is not currently applied to the persistent organic pollutants focal area and invites the Global Environment Facility to consult with the Convention Secretariat with regard to its future work on the Resource Allocation Framework as it relates to the Convention without prejudice to any further decision on the application of the Resource Allocation Framework to the persistent organic pollutants focal area and to report on this issue to the Conference of the Parties at its third meeting;

9. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to work with the Convention Secretariat to determine an appropriate approach for capacity-building for developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition in the process of effectiveness evaluation pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention;

10. *Also requests* the Global Environment Facility to inform the Conference of the Parties of the ways in which the Global Environment Facility might support the procurement of scientific equipment and the development of scientific and technical capacity necessary for specific project execution in developing countries and countries with economies in transition necessary to fulfil their obligations under the Convention.