

VI/34. Analysis of issues related to Annex VII

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that the purpose of the analysis of issues related to Annex VII is to explore, in a transparent, objective and comprehensive manner, health, environmental, social, economic and other issues that are considered important to the Conference of the Parties and to assist Parties to ratify the Ban Amendment contained in decision III/1 on amendment to the Basel Convention,

Recalling also that the phase II analysis shall be restricted to investigate the eight elements of evaluation already identified,

Recalling further its decision V/4 on reporting on the implementation of decision IV/8 (decision regarding Annex VII),

Reaffirming its decision to leave Annex VII unchanged until the amendment contained in its decision III/1 enters into force,

Noting that some progress has been made in the development of the analysis of issues related to Annex VII,

Determined to finalize the analysis at the latest by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

1. Requests the secretariat to finalize the work on phase II of the analysis at the latest in time for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties and in doing so to make full use of existing information and obtain such further information as necessary;
2. Also requests the secretariat to present the first draft of the analysis to a meeting of the Open-ended Working Group in 2003, and to present the final version of the analysis in due time for consideration by the last meeting of that body before presenting it for a final decision by the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
3. Further requests the secretariat to support Parties, upon request, to ratify the Ban Amendment, contained in decision III/1;
4. Invites Parties and others to provide the secretariat with relevant materials or documentation that would assist the secretariat in its work;
5. Requests the Open-ended Working Group to continue overseeing the development of work and provide guidance to the secretariat to ensure its timely finalization;
6. Also requests the Open-ended Working Group to present its final report on the analysis of issues related to Annex VII to the Conference of the Parties at its seventh meeting.