

Decision RC-5/13: Cooperation with the World Trade Organization

The Conference of the Parties,

Taking note of the progress made in the implementation of decision RC-1/15 on cooperation between the Secretariat and the World Trade Organization,

1. *Requests* the Secretariat to communicate with the World Trade Organization with a view to achieving continued participation by the Secretariat in the meetings of the Committee on Trade and Environment in Special Session of the Organization on a meeting-by-meeting basis;
2. *Also requests* the Secretariat to continue to follow up on its application for observer status with the Committee on Trade and Environment of the World Trade Organization and to report on the status of that application to the Conference of the Parties at its sixth meeting;
3. *Invites* parties to coordinate at the national level in order to promote mutual supportiveness between trade and environment policies, and to support the request for observer status, as appropriate.