BC-11/25: Institutional arrangements

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions II/27, III/28, VI/36 and BC-10/1,

Recognizing that the amendment to rule 21 of the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting ensures that the functions previously undertaken by the Expanded Bureau can be adequately performed by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties,

- 1. *Decides* to discontinue the Expanded Bureau as a subsidiary body of the Convention;
- 2. *Decides also* that any function previously entrusted to the Expanded Bureau shall be undertaken in the future by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties;
- 3. Further decides that five members of the Bureau may participate in joint meetings of the bureaux of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, having due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation of the five regions of the United Nations.