

SC-4/22: Guidance on technical assistance

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in the note by the Secretariat on guidance on technical assistance;¹

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to implement its technical assistance programme upon request while making full use of regional centres as an integral part of its work to facilitate technical assistance and the promotion of transfer of technology, taking into account the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of environmentally sound technologies adopted by the Conference of the Parties in decision SC-1/15, in addition to the priorities and needs identified in the report on the priorities identified by Parties in their implementation plans² and the report on the assessment of funding needs of Parties that are developing countries or countries with economies in transition;³

3. *Invites* Parties and relevant international and non-governmental organizations to provide information to the Secretariat on their experiences in implementing the guidance;

4. *Requests* the Secretariat to submit a report on progress in the application of the guidance, based on the information to be provided pursuant to paragraph 3 of the present decision and any other pertinent information;

5. *Urges* Parties in a position to do so to provide the necessary funds to support the continued implementation of the activities listed in the note referred to in paragraph 1 of the present decision.

1 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/21.

2 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/13.

3 UNEP/POPS/COP.4/27.