

## **VII/15. Preparation of technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17)**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision VI/37 on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group and in particular that part of it that refers to the preparation of technical guidelines,

*Noting* with appreciation the roles played by Parties and others, especially Australia as lead country, in the preparation of draft technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17),

1. *Requests* the Open-ended Working Group to finalize the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound management of wastes resulting from surface treatment of metals and plastics (Y17) with a view to their interim adoption by the Open-ended Working Group at its fourth session;

2. *Invites* Parties and other stakeholders to provide comments to Australia by 31 January 2005 and to transmit copies of those comments to the Secretariat.