III/I: Financial and technical resources for implementation of the Strategic Approach

*The Conference,*

*Reaffirming* the aim of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management to achieve by 2020 the sound management of chemicals throughout their life-cycle and of hazardous wastes in ways that lead to minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment, as set out in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and reaffirmed at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

*Recalling* that the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, “The future we want”,[[1]](#footnote-1) called for the effective implementation and strengthening of the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management as part of a robust, coherent, effective and efficient system for the sound management of chemicals throughout their life‑cycle, including to respond to emerging challenges,

*Recalling* paragraph 5 of its resolution II/3, in which it recognized the need for sustainable, predictable, adequate and accessible funding for activities in support of the sound management of chemicals and the achievement of the objectives set forth in the Strategic Approach, taking into account the priorities identified by developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

*Recalling also* its resolution I/4 establishing the Quick Start Programme and resolution II/3 establishing the time limit for contributions to the Trust Fund as the end of its third session,

*Recognizing* the successes to date of the Quick Start Programme, including its trust fund, in providing support to developing countries and countries with economies in transition in facilitating the achievement of the 2020 goal of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

*Taking into consideration* that the demand for funding from the Quick Start Programme trust fund remains high and given that there are some Strategic Approach stakeholders requesting support for the first time and some approved projects that have not yet been financed from the trust fund,

*Taking into account* the Quick Start Programme mid‑term review and the conclusions and recommendations of the Quick Start Programme Executive Board,

*Welcoming* that the proposal on an integrated approach to financing the sound management of chemicals and wastes currently being developed by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme covers the Strategic Approach,

*Expressing appreciation* to all donors, implementers and all other partners that have contributed to the success of the Quick Start Programme and its trust fund,

1. *Decides* to extend the term for contributions to the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund until its fourth session;
2. *Also decides* that funds committed to projects before the closure of the Quick Start Programme trust fund may be disbursed until all approved projects in the Programme’s portfolio are completed;
3. *Further decides* that the Quick Start Programme will continue to support activities to enable initial capacity-building and implementation consistent with its objectives as set out in section IV of the Overarching Policy Strategy and its strategic priorities unless the Executive Board provides additional operational guidance on the Programme’s strategic priorities;
4. *Acknowledges* that long-term financing of the Strategic Approach should be based on the concept of an integrated approach that, as reflected in the outcome document of the consultative process on financing options for chemicals and wastes, includes mainstreaming, industry involvement and external financing, all of which need further clarification in order to become operational;
5. *Requests* that the Strategic Approach be part of any integrated approach for long-term financing of the chemicals and waste cluster;
6. *Invites* the Executive Director in the finalization of his proposal on an integrated approach to the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes and the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme in its deliberations on the proposal to take into consideration the need to strengthen the implementation of the financial consideration as discussed out in paragraph 19 of the Overarching Policy Strategy in the context of the existing chemicals and waste cluster, taking into account the rich debate held during the third session of the Conference as reflected in the report of that session;
7. *Calls upon* all Strategic Approach stakeholders to provide their views to the Executive Director on his proposal by 10 October 2012;
8. *Invites,* without prejudice to the ongoing process on the Executive Director’s draft proposal on an integrated approach to the financing of the sound management of chemicals and wastes*,* the Global Environment Facility in the process of the sixth replenishment of its trust fund to consider the priorities and activities identified in the Strategic Approach in support of the achievement of its objectives.

1. General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)