

DRAFT DECISION IV/3 TO BE TAKEN AT THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE PARTIES
[Submitted by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment]

DECISION IV/3
STRENGTHENING SUBREGIONAL COOPERATION

**DRAFT SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE WORKING
GROUP ON EIA, 21-23 NOVEMBER 2007**

The Meeting,

Recalling its decision III/5 on strengthening subregional cooperation,

Having considered the outcome of the workshops on subregional cooperation in South-Eastern Europe, the Baltic Sea area and the Mediterranean Sea area,

Recognizing that subregional cooperation promotes the regular exchange of information within the subregion and improves the practical application of the Convention,

Recognizing also that bilateral and multilateral agreements facilitate the effective implementation of the Convention,

Wishing to encourage the development of bilateral and multilateral agreements through subregional cooperation under the Convention,

1. Welcomes the signing by the countries of South-Eastern Europe of the subregional agreement implementing the Convention [as appended to this decision] [(ECE/MP.EIA/WG.1/2007/10)];
2. Welcomes the reports prepared by the lead countries for the workshops on subregional cooperation, as made available on the website of the Convention;
3. Proposes that activities on subregional cooperation should be included in the workplan;
4. Invites Parties and non-Parties[, especially in Central Asia and around the Black Sea,]¹ to host workshops or take other appropriate measures to promote cooperation in their subregions;
5. Also invites Parties to nominate lead countries on subregional cooperation where appropriate and further invites these lead countries to consider ways to coordinate their activities;
6. [Requests lead countries to prepare a one-page summary of the findings of each workshop held for inclusion in a report on subregional cooperation;]¹
7. [Instructs the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment to prepare a model bilateral or multilateral agreement for consideration at the next meeting of the Parties, on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat;]¹

¹ Secretariat suggestion to strengthen the decision.

8. [Encourages Parties to develop bilateral or multilateral agreements and report to the Meeting of the Parties accordingly].¹