

Decision I/3

Adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment at its first session

Capacity development

The Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment,

Having considered the draft resource manual to support the application of the Protocol,

Recognizing that capacity-development activities, such as training and pilot projects, improve the practical application of the Protocol,

1. *Welcomes* the resource manual, including its health annex, as a flexible document;

2. *Also welcomes* the work done by, among others, the secretariat and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, and by the members of the small editorial group on the draft resource manual;

3. *Further welcomes* the work done by the above-mentioned bodies, together with the World Health Organization, on the production of a supplement to the draft resource manual addressing the consideration of health concerns;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to continue maintenance of the version of the resource manual on the Internet;

5. *Proposes* to include in the Protocol workplan the elaboration of a compact and simplified version of the resource manual that focuses on the practical application of the Protocol;

6. *Proposes also* that capacity-development activities be included in the workplan;

7. *Invites* users to submit comments to the secretariat on the usefulness of the resource manual and requests the secretariat to facilitate the submission of such comments.