Decision II/6

Decisions adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as
the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol

Aligning the authentic language versions of the Protocol on
Strategic Environmental Assessment

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

Aware that discrepancies between the three authentic language versions of the
Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment have been identified in the course
of the implementation of the Protocol,

Concerned that such discrepancies might lead to different interpretations and
inconsistencies in the application of the Protocol by its Parties,

Determined to ensure the full alignment of the three authentic texts of the
Protocol,

1. Invites the secretariat to arrange for a review of the text of the three
   authentic language versions of the Protocol by the United Nations, which would list
   all the inconsistencies;

2. Establishes an ad hoc task force with a mandate:
   (a) To consider the possible inconsistencies;
   (b) To determine whether each possible inconsistency merely reflects
       technical errors or may raise issues of interpretation;
   (c) To elaborate proposals for consideration by the Working Group on
       Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment on
       how to address such inconsistencies;

3. Decides that the task force should work electronically and deliver its
   proposals for consideration to the Working Group on Environmental Impact
   Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment by 2016;

4. Requests that, based on the findings of the task force, the Working
   Group suggest appropriate ways for addressing the identified inconsistencies by end
   of 2016.