

CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES
ON THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON
PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS
Stockholm, 22-23 May 2001

FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON THE
STOCKHOLM CONVENTION ON PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

2. Resolution on interim financial arrangements

The Conference,

Noting that article 14 of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants on interim financial arrangements designates the Global Environment Facility on an interim basis to serve as the principal entity entrusted with the operations of the financial mechanism defined in article 13 of the Convention,

Taking note of the desire of the Global Environment Facility to commit to the objectives of the Convention, as enunciated at the sixteenth meeting of its Council,

1. Requests the Assembly of the Global Environment Facility to consider establishing a new focal area through amendment of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured Global Environment Facility in order to support the implementation of the Convention;
2. Further requests the Council of the Global Environment Facility to establish as soon as possible and implement an operational programme for persistent organic pollutants, taking into account future decisions of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for an International Legally Binding Instrument for Implementing International Action on Certain Persistent Organic Pollutants;
3. Further requests the Global Environment Facility to report to the Conference of the Parties at its first session on the measures it has taken to ensure the transparency of the Global Environment Facility project approval process and that the procedures for accessing funds are simple, flexible and expeditious;
4. Further requests donors to the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund to contribute adequate additional financial resources through the third replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund, in order to enable the Global Environment Facility effectively to perform its mandate in terms of this Convention;
5. Requests the interim secretariat to invite relevant funding institutions to provide information on ways in which they can support the Convention, and to submit a report on the basis of such information to the Conference of the Parties at its first session;
6. Requests the Conference of the Parties at its first session to review the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and the ways and means for mobilizing and channelling these resources in support of the objectives of the Convention.