**Decision I/4**

*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*

**Public participation in strategic decision-making**

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

*Recalling the workshop on public participation in strategic decision-making, held in Sofia on 3 and 4 December 2007,*

*Noting the work programme for the period 2009–2011 adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention),*

1. *Welcomes* the work undertaken by the ad hoc expert group and the task force on public participation under the Aarhus Convention;

2. *Decides* to explore further synergies and possibilities for cooperation with relevant bodies under the Aarhus Convention;

3. *Proposes* that a joint workshop on public participation in strategic environmental assessment in accordance with the Protocol and with article 7 of the Aarhus Convention should be included in the workplan.