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Programme of work and operation of the Convention: Future Strategic Plan

Draft decision IV/8 on strategic planning

The Meeting of the Parties,

Welcoming the efforts made by Parties, Signatories, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to achieve the objectives of the Strategic Plan 2009–2014 and to implement its envisaged activities,

Recognizing the need for continued strategic direction to guide implementation and further development of the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters beyond 2014,

Recalling the document on strategic planning for the Convention (MP.PP/WG.1/2004/16), which analysed the possible scope and format of strategic plans and outlined possible steps to be taken in order to prepare a draft plan,

1. *Requests* the Working Group of the Parties, with the assistance of the secretariat and appropriate involvement of the public, to develop a strategic plan for the Convention covering the period 2015–2020, based on the experiences and results of the implementation of the current Strategic Plan;

2. *Calls on* Parties and invites Signatories, other States and relevant intergovernmental, regional and non-governmental organizations to contribute actively to the development of the strategic plan;

3. *Requests* the Working Group of the Parties to establish a procedure for the preparation of the strategic plan and to regularly monitor its preparation in order for it to be ready for consideration and adoption at the fifth ordinary session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention.