

## **VII/14. Technical guidelines on the environmentally sound recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4)**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision VI/37 on the work programme of the Open-ended Working Group and in particular that part of it that refers to the preparation of technical guidelines,

*Noting* with appreciation the roles played by Parties and others, especially Australia as lead country, in the preparation of the technical guidelines on the recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4),

1. *Adopts* the technical guidelines on the environmentally sound recycling/reclamation of metals and metal compounds (R4) contained in the note by the Secretariat<sup>1</sup>;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to disseminate the technical guidelines to Parties, signatories, intergovernmental organizations, environmental non-governmental organizations and industry, in all official languages of the United Nations;

3. *Invites* Parties and others to use the technical guidelines and to report at least two months before the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, through the Secretariat, on their experiences, including any difficulties in their application of the technical guidelines, with a view to improving the technical guidelines as necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW.7/8/Add.3.