

**ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT
TO THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
IN A TRANSBOUNDARY CONTEXT
CAVTAT, 1-4 JUNE 2004**

Annex VII

DECISION III/7

SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE ESPOO CONVENTION

The Meeting.

Recalling its decision II/10 on the review of the Convention and paragraph 19 of the Sofia Ministerial Declaration,

Wishing to modify the Convention with a view to further strengthening its application and improving synergies with other multilateral environmental agreements,

Commending the work done by the task force established at the second meeting of Parties, by the small group on amendments and by the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment itself,

Noting the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, done at Aarhus, Denmark, on 25 June 1998, and recalling the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment, done at Kiev, Ukraine, on 21 May 2003,

Also noting relevant European Community legal instruments, such as directive 85/337/EEC of 27 June 1985 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by directives 97/11/EC and 2003/35/EC,

Conscious that an extension of Appendix I will strengthen the importance of environmental impact assessments in the region,

Recognizing the benefits of international cooperation as early as possible in the assessment of environmental impact,

Encouraging the work of the Implementation Committee as a useful tool for the further implementation and application of the provisions of the Convention,