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### ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

#### Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

#### Use of the special voluntary fund to support the participation of developing countries in the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change

#### The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change

1. Welcomes the expressed intention of several Governments and a regional integration organization to contribute to the special voluntary fund established by the General Assembly in paragraph 10 of its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990;
2. Urges Governments that are in a position to do so but have not yet done so to contribute to the special voluntary fund according to their possibilities at an early date and expresses the hope that those which have already done so will make further contributions;
3. Urges relevant bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, to contribute generously to the special voluntary fund and invites the Chairman of the Committee to convey this appeal to the executive heads of those bodies, as well as to those of other interested organizations;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Committee, in determining the eligibility of countries for access to the fund, to bear in mind the following considerations in addition to the criteria set out in paragraph 10 of resolution 45/212:

(a) The vulnerability of countries to the rise in sea-level, drought and desertification, and severe weather disturbances;

(b) The importance of financing the attendance of experts, including scientists, as members of delegations from developing countries;

(c) Adequate regional representation of developing countries;

(d) The important role of regional organizations in providing suitable technical support to the effective participation of developing countries in the negotiating process;

5. Invites donors and recipients of financial assistance to keep the Executive Secretary informed of their relevant funding arrangements, so that the special voluntary fund may be used to the greatest effect;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate the full and effective participation in the work of the Committee of developing countries, and indeed of all countries entitled to participate, by ensuring the timely and well-directed distribution of notifications, documentation and other information well in advance of Committee sessions, and by making adequate provision for this purpose within the capacities of the secretariat.

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