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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS EIGHTH SESSION

Draft report

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Corrigendum

Replace Chapter V, section C, by the following text:

C. Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support

Working Group II considered sub-item 3(b) (Provision to developing country Parties of technical and financial support) at its 11th meeting, on 24 August.

For its consideration of the sub-item, the Working Group had before it a note by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Executive Secretary on a joint pilot project for an information exchange system for country activities (A/AC.237/38), prepared in response to the decisions of the Committee at its sixth and seventh sessions (A/AC.237/24, paragraph 51, and A/AC.237/31, paragraph 32(q)-(r)).

The Executive Secretary introduced the document, noting that the joint project had been referred to by the Executive Director of UNEP in her statement to the Committee at its first plenary meeting. The Executive Secretary stressed that the primary purpose of the joint project (known as CLIMEX) would be to facilitate the flow of external resources to developing and other countries, in support of activities related to climate change that they wished to undertake. Another output would be to exchange information on completed national activities that governments voluntarily make available, at a level of detail determined by the governments concerned.

. Statements were made by the representatives of 16 States, including one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and one speaking on behalf of the European Economic Community and its member States. Most delegations welcomed the pilot project and the cooperation between UNEP and the interim secretariat.

. Many delegations emphasized in their statements the voluntary nature of the participation of countries in this project and the avoidance of any conditionality in this connection. Attention was also drawn to the need to separate the project clearly from the process of communication of information under Article 12 of the Convention, as well as from the fulfilment of the financial commitments of developed country Parties, and to avoid any pre-emption of the decisions of the Conference of the Parties.

. Several delegations looked forward to the timely availability of information resulting from this joint project, particularly to developing countries. Some delegations also suggested that different ways of disseminating information be considered, including dissemination in more than one language, and via the distribution of diskettes and relevant software.

. The Executive Secretary replied to requests for information and clarifications; in particular he explained the funding plan and the relationships of the pilot project with other activities. He stated that funding was not being sought from GEF, but from UNEP and from extrabudgetary resources to be raised by the interim secretariat. The representative of UNEP confirmed that a project proposal would be submitted to UNEP's project approval process, immediately after the session of the Committee.

. The Committee invited the Executive Director of UNEP and the Executive Secretary to take full account of the comments and concerns of delegations during the discussion of this item in their continuing work on this project, and to report on progress to the next session of the Committee for its further consideration.

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