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MINISTERIAL SEGMENT: CONCLUSION OF OUTSTANDING
ISSUES AND ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Draft decision on agenda item 5 (b) (iii) submitted by the Chairman of the
Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the following decision:

Report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties
on the development of an operational strategy and on
initial activities in the field of climate change

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 11.1 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Having considered the report by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) containing information on the development of an operational strategy in the climate change area and on the initial activities in this field (FCCC/CP/1995/4),

1. Welcomes the decision of the GEF Council to follow a "two-track" programming approach in 1995: while work is undertaken by the GEF secretariat to develop a long-term comprehensive operational strategy, supported by analytical work and consultations, and allowing for the guidance from the Conference of the Parties (track one), some project activities are to be undertaken to allow a smooth transition between the operations of the pilot phase and the restructured GEF (track two);

2. Decides to adopt a mixed strategy wherein projects will be selected with a double set of programme priorities as described in paragraph 9 (c) of the report, that is, if they met either one of the long-term programme priorities or one of the short-term programme priorities;

3. Takes note of the report on initial activities;

4. Invites the GEF in future reports to take fully into account relevant aspects of the modalities for the functioning of operational linkages between the Conference of the Parties and the operating entity or entities of the financial mechanism. [Appropriate reference]
