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Item 5 (d) (iii) of the provisional agenda

DESIGNATION OF A PERMANENT SECRETARIAT AND
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITS FUNCTIONING

PHYSICAL LOCATION

Offers by Governments to host the permanent secretariat

Note by the interim secretariat

Information on offers by Governments to host the permanent secretariat was provided to the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its eleventh session in documents A/AC.237/79/Add.4 and A/AC.237/Misc.45, as well as in statements by the Governments concerned (A/AC.237/91, paras. 119-124 and 127).

The Government of Canada has since provided an element of information that was not contained in the presentation by the delegation of Canada to the Committee at its eleventh session. This new information is contained in the attached letter of 20 March 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva.

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Annex

Letter dated 20 March 1995 from the Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Canada to the United Nations in Geneva
to the Executive Secretary

I refer to my letter of 15 December 1994, which forwarded Canada's offer to host the permanent secretariat for the Framework Convention on Climate Change. In its offer, Canada stated that: "It should also be noted that the possibility of offering additional financial resources is currently under consideration by potential public and private sector partners." (page 4; A/AC.237/Misc.45; 11 January 1995)

I am pleased to inform you that this consideration has led to the following additional elements to Canada's offer:

- if the secretariat of the FCCC is located in Toronto, the Government of Canada and the City of Toronto will, beginning in 1996, each provide CDN\$1 million per year for five years to the secretariat; this represents a total of CDN\$ 2 million per year for five years;
- at the discretion of the permanent secretariat, a limited number of secondments to the secretariat would be made available for five years, thereby reducing the secretariat's personnel costs.

These additional elements are a further indication of Canada's support for the Convention and our desire to extend the greatest possible assistance to ensure its effective implementation.

I would be grateful if, under Item 5(d) of the provisional agenda of the First session of the Conference of the Parties (Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning), you would ensure that this information is made available to all Parties in Berlin.

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(signed)
Gerald E. Shannon
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative