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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

**INCOME AND BUDGET PERFORMANCE, AND
RESOURCE DEPLOYMENT FOR 1997**

Recommendation of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation

At its third session, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its second session.

Income and budget performance, and resource deployment for 1997

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 17/CP.1, whereby it requested the head of the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustment that might be needed in the Convention budget for 1996-1997,

Having considered the related report of the Executive Secretary,¹

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/7 and Add.1

I. Core Budget Fund

1. *Notes* that the net total requirements for the biennium 1996/1997 are currently estimated at \$13,573,500;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to communicate to all Parties, by 1 November 1996, the indicative contributions payable for 1997, in the light of the above estimates and of contributions already made in 1996;
3. *Urges* Parties that have not paid their 1996 contributions to do so without further delay, and urges all Parties to pay their 1997 contributions when they fall due on 1 January 1997;
4. *Notes* that the revised estimates for the biennium continue to be based inter alia on the assumption that the costs of conference servicing will be financed from the regular budget of the United Nations, and requests the Executive Secretary to monitor related developments and report thereon as required;
5. *Takes note* that the Executive Secretary has responded and will continue to respond to evolving demands on core budget resources by using staff in a flexible manner and by redeploying them as needed within available resources and within the limits established by paragraph 5 of decision 17/CP.1;
6. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of estimated expenditure for 1997, and to review that level at its third session;

II. Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC process

7. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on this Trust Fund in his report;
8. *Decides* to finance from the Fund the following activities, subject to availability of resources:
 - (a) the participation of representatives of eligible Parties in any meetings of such expert bodies as may be specifically convened by the Conference of the Parties or its or its subsidiary bodies;
 - (b) the participation of representatives of eligible Parties in intersessional meetings of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties or its subsidiary bodies; and the participation of Bureaux members in consultations or official meetings related to the Convention process.
9. *Invites* all Parties to continue to make contributions to this Fund.

III. Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities

10. *Takes note* of the information provided by the Executive Secretary on this Trust Fund in his report;
11. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Government of Germany for the special contribution made to this Fund for each of the years 1996 and 1997;
12. *Invites* all Parties to continue to make contributions to this Fund;

IV. Trust Funds established under General Assembly Resolution 45/212

13. *Expresses* its appreciation for the generous contributions, amounting to \$13,126,768, made during the lifetime of these Funds, which have considerably assisted the development of the Convention process;

V. Follow-up action

14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its third session, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, a further report on financial performance for the biennium 1996/1997;
15. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to provide to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fourth session in February/March 1997, some perspective of estimated financial requirements for the biennium 1998/1999.

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