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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

Draft decisions for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session

Proposal by the Chairman

1. Decision ... /CP.3

Financial performance of the Convention in the biennium 1996-1997

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 16/CP.2, paragraph 14, whereby it requested the Executive Secretary to submit to the Conference of the Parties a further report on financial performance for the biennium 1996-1997, and the financial rules for the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in documents FCCC/SBI/1997/18 and FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.7;
2. *Approves* the creation of a new trust fund for the special annual contribution of DM3.5 million from the Government of Germany to finance events in Germany, made in accordance with the bilateral arrangements between the Government of Germany and the Convention secretariat, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish the new trust fund, to be managed by the Executive Secretary;
3. *Urges* Parties that have still not paid their 1996 and/or 1997 contributions to the core budget to do so without delay;

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4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as appropriate, a final report on financial performance in the biennium 1996-1997, including audited financial statements, and an initial report on financial performance in 1998; and

5. *Approves* transfers between the main appropriation lines to cover over-expenditures, for the Policy-making organs programme and the Implementation and planning programme, in excess of the 15 per cent transfer within each of the main appropriation lines that the Executive Secretary is at present authorized to make (see decision 17/CP.1, para. 5).

2. Decision .../CP.3

Arrangements for administrative support to the Convention secretariat

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the arrangements proposed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations for administrative support to the Convention secretariat (FCCC/CP/1995/5/Add.4), provisionally accepted by the Conference of the Parties at its first session in its decision 14/CP.1,

1. *Takes note* of the information contained in document FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.2; and
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue his discussions with the United Nations regarding administrative arrangements for the Convention, and to inform the Conference of the Parties, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as appropriate, of any significant developments.
