

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
**INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGE OF THE CONVENTION SECRETARIAT
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

Draft conclusion

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation requested the Executive Secretary to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations that it has decided to recommend to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session that the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations be continued.

Draft decision recommended for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session

Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 14/CP.1 whereby it decided that the Convention secretariat shall be institutionally linked to the United Nations, while not being fully integrated in the work programme and management structure of any department or programme, and decided further to review the functioning of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, not later than 31 December 1999, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both Parties,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/115 of 20 December 1995,

Taking note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary that the institutional linkage is working satisfactorily and is being adapted to changing circumstances,

Taking note also of the expression of intent by the Secretary-General to seek the endorsement of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session for continuation of the institutional linkage,

1. *Invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide at its fifty-fourth session on the issue of meeting the Convention's conference servicing expenses from its regular budget, taking into account the views expressed at its Second Committee by Member States;

2. *Decides* that the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations shall continue, subject to review not later than 31 December 2002, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties.
