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Addendum

**PART TWO: ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION**

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Decision 1/CP.8**Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change
and Sustainable Development**

The Ministers and other heads of delegation present at the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling the ultimate objective and principles of, and the commitments under, the Convention,

Reaffirming that economic and social development and poverty eradication are the first and overriding priorities of developing country Parties,

Recognizing with concern the findings of the IPCC Third Assessment Report, which confirms that significant cuts in global greenhouse gas emissions will be necessary to meet the ultimate objective of the Convention, and recognizing the on-going consideration in the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice of the implications of this report,

Noting that mitigation actions are now taking place both in Annex I and non-Annex I countries and emphasizing that mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions to combat climate change continues to have high priority under the provisions of the Convention and that, at the same time, urgent action is required to advance adaptation measures,

Recognizing that climate change could endanger future well-being, ecosystems and economic progress in all regions,

Deeply concerned that all countries, particularly developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, face an increased risk of the negative impacts of climate change,

Recognizing that, as Africa is the region suffering the most from the combined impacts of climate change and poverty, development initiatives such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development should be supported in the context of sustainable development,

Resolve that, in order to respond to the challenges faced now and in the future, climate change and its adverse effects should be addressed while meeting the requirements of sustainable development, and therefore call for the following:

- (a) Parties that have ratified the Kyoto Protocol strongly urge Parties that have not already done so to ratify the Kyoto Protocol in a timely manner;
- (b) Parties have a right to, and should, promote sustainable development. Policies and measures to protect the climate system against human-induced change should be appropriate for the specific conditions of each Party and should be integrated with national development programmes, taking into account that economic development is essential for adopting measures to address climate change;
- (c) National sustainable development strategies should integrate more fully climate change objectives in key areas such as water, energy, health, agriculture and biodiversity, and build on the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(d) All Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, and their specific national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances, should continue to advance the implementation of their commitments under the Convention to address climate change and its adverse effects in order to achieve sustainable development;

(e) Adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change is of high priority for all countries. Developing countries are particularly vulnerable, especially the least developed countries and small island developing States. Adaptation requires urgent attention and action on the part of all countries. Effective and result-based measures should be supported for the development of approaches at all levels on vulnerability and adaptation, as well as capacity-building for the integration of adaptation concerns into sustainable development strategies. The measures should include full implementation of existing commitments under the Convention and the Marrakesh Accords;

(f) Parties should promote informal exchange of information on actions relating to mitigation and adaptation to assist Parties to continue to develop effective and appropriate responses to climate change;

(g) The specific needs and concerns of developing country Parties arising from the adverse effects of climate change and the impact of the implementation of response measures should be given full consideration;

(h) International cooperation should be promoted in developing and disseminating innovative technologies in respect of key sectors of development, particularly energy, and of investment in this regard, including through private sector involvement and market-oriented approaches, as well as supportive public policies;

(i) Technology transfer should be strengthened, including through concrete projects and capacity-building in all relevant sectors such as energy, transport, industry, health, agriculture, biodiversity, forestry and waste management. Technological advances should be promoted through research and development, economic diversification and strengthening of relevant regional, national and local institutions for sustainable development;

(j) Access should be improved to reliable, affordable, economically viable, socially acceptable and environmentally sound energy services and resources, taking into account national specificities and circumstances, through various means;

(k) Actions are required to diversify energy supply by developing advanced, cleaner, more efficient, affordable and cost-effective energy technologies, including fossil fuel technologies and renewable energy technologies, hydro included, and their transfer to developing countries on concessional terms as mutually agreed;

(l) Actions are required at all levels, with a sense of urgency, to substantially increase the global share of renewable energy sources with the objective of increasing their contribution to total energy supply, recognizing the role of national and voluntary regional targets as well as initiatives, where they exist, and ensuring that energy policies are supportive to developing countries' efforts to eradicate poverty;

(m) Annex I Parties should further implement their commitments under the Convention, including, for Annex II Parties, those relating to the provision of financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building, and demonstrate that they are taking the lead in modifying longer-term trends in anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, consistent with the ultimate objective of the Convention,

through the adoption of national policies and corresponding measures for the mitigation of climate change;

All Parties welcome the good cooperation achieved at the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session in Delhi, in particular the progress of technical work and the constructive discussions that have taken place, and express their gratitude to His Excellency Mr. T. R. Baalu, President of the Conference at its eighth session, and to the Government and people of India for their gracious hospitality.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

Decision 2/CP.8

Fourth compilation and synthesis of initial national communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling, in particular, Article 4, paragraph 1, Article 10, paragraph 2 (a), and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.4, 7/CP.5, 3/CP.6 and 30/CP.7,

Noting that, pursuant to decision 10/CP.2, the national and regional development priorities, objectives and circumstances of Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) should, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 and Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Convention, be taken into account by the Conference of the Parties in considering matters relating to their initial national communications,

Noting also that, from its first session onwards, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 7, of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties has arranged for the provision of both financial and technical support to developing country Parties, on request, in compiling and communicating information under that article, and in identifying the financial and technical needs associated with proposed projects and response measures under Article 4 of the Convention,

Having considered the information contained in the fourth compilation and synthesis report on 31 initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties, and the executive summary of 83 initial national communications from such Parties, presented by the secretariat pursuant to decision 30/CP.7,² and the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

1. Takes note that:

(a) The preparation of national communications has provided an initial opportunity for capacity-building, particularly in the area of national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation, and mitigation assessments;

(b) Most Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) have used the *Revised 1996 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories*;

(c) National inventories from some non-Annex I Parties have been generally comparable to those of Annex I Parties;

(d) There is some scope for encouraging the preparation of inventories on a continuous basis;

(e) Capacity-building also assists in the establishment and maintenance of the institutional arrangements at national level;

(f) Non-Annex I Parties are continuing to fulfil their commitments under Article 4, paragraph 1, and Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention;

² FCCC/SBI/2002/8 and FCCC/SBI/2002/16.

(g) As at 1 June 2002, 20 of 46 least developed country Parties had already submitted their initial national communications whereas 64 of 100 non-Annex I Parties that are not least developed country Parties had yet to submit their initial national communications;

2. *Concludes* that, in view of the technical constraints and problems encountered in the preparation of national communications, namely difficulties relating to, inter alia, the quality and availability of data, emission factors and methodologies for an assessment of the effects of climate change and impacts of response measures, there is a need for financial and technical resources to maintain and enhance national capacities in non-Annex I Parties for preparing national communications;

3. *Requests*, in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 5, of the Convention, each non-Annex I Party which has not submitted its initial national communication within three years of the entry into force of the Convention for that Party, or of the availability of financial resources in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Convention, to do so as soon as possible, on the understanding that Parties that are least developed countries may make their initial national communications at their discretion;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its nineteenth session:

(a) The fifth compilation and synthesis report on issues, constraints and problems encountered in using the relevant UNFCCC guidelines in the preparation of initial national communications submitted by non-Annex I Parties between 1 June 2002 and 1 April 2003;

(b) An information document describing the steps taken by non-Annex I Parties to implement the Convention, based on a representative set of initial national communications and other relevant documents, in order to further facilitate the implementation of projects listed or proposed by non-Annex I Parties in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 4, of the Convention;

5. *Further requests* the secretariat to prepare documents on information contained in national communications submitted to the secretariat by non-Annex I Parties, with a view to compiling information on the efforts made by non-Annex I Parties to facilitate the implementation of the Convention in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 1, and Article 12, paragraph 1, of the Convention, and make these documents available to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at intervals not exceeding two years.

Decision 3/CP.8

Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3 and 7, and Article 12, paragraphs 1, 5 and 7,

Recalling its decisions on communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular decisions 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 2/CP.4, 12/CP.4, 8/CP.5 and 31/CP.7,

Recognizing that the preparation of national communications is a continuing process,

Recognizing also that the sharing of national, subregional and regional experiences is important in the process of improving the preparation of national communications by non-Annex I Parties,

Reiterating the importance of providing a forum for non-Annex I Parties to share national, subregional and regional experiences in the preparation of national communications,

Acknowledging with great satisfaction the excellent role that the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention played in improving the process of the preparation of national communications from non-Annex I Parties,

Acknowledging further the financial support provided by the Governments of Australia, Finland, Germany (through the Bonn Fund), Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United States of America for funding the workshops of the Consultative Group of Experts,

Reiterating the importance of providing relevant technical advice and support for the preparation of national communications,

1. *Decides* to continue the mandate of the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, with the objective of improving the process of preparation of the second and subsequent national communications by providing technical advice and support to Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, and where relevant of initial national communications from Parties which have not yet submitted them;
2. *Decides* that the Consultative Group of Experts shall have a new mandate in accordance with its revised terms of reference annexed to this decision;
3. *Decides also* that the mandate and revised terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts shall be reviewed at its thirteenth session;
4. *Decides* that arrangements for funding of the meetings of the Consultative Group of Experts should be provided in the budget of the secretariat as of 2004;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to facilitate the work of the Consultative Group of Experts, in accordance with Article 8, paragraph 2 (c), of the Convention and decision 17/CP.8, by:

(a) Coordinating meetings and workshops of the Consultative Group of Experts and compiling reports on its meetings and workshops for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

(b) Providing technical support to the Consultative Group of Experts as required, particularly in the areas of national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation assessments, mitigation assessments, research and systematic observation, education, training and public awareness, technology transfer and capacity-building, as they relate to the preparation of national communications;

(c) Enhancing communication among the members of the Consultative Group of Experts through the maintenance of an electronic bulletin board;

6. *Invites* Annex II Parties to contribute financial resources to support the organization of workshops to be conducted by the Consultative Group of Experts.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

ANNEX

**Terms of reference of the Consultative Group of Experts
on National Communications from Parties not included
in Annex I to the Convention**

1. The Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) shall continue to have the objective of improving the process of preparation of second and subsequent national communications from non-Annex I Parties and, as appropriate, and where relevant, initial national communications from Parties which have not yet submitted them, by providing technical advice and support to non-Annex I Parties.
2. The Consultative Group of Experts shall be composed of experts drawn from the roster of experts with expertise in greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability assessment and adaptation, mitigation and other matters relating to the preparation of national communications.
3. The Consultative Group of Experts shall comprise 24 experts as follows:
 - (a) Five members from each of the regions of non-Annex I Parties, namely, Africa, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean;
 - (b) Six members from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention (Annex I Parties), including one from countries with economies in transition;
 - (c) One member from each of three international organizations with relevant experience in providing technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties in the preparation of national communications.
4. The experts referred to in paragraph 3 (a) and (b) above shall be appointed by the Parties from that region in order to ensure geographical balance. The experts from Annex I Parties shall be appointed by the Annex I Parties. In addition, one expert from each of three organizations with relevant experience in providing technical assistance to non-Annex I Parties shall be selected by the secretariat. The Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) shall be notified of these appointments. Additional experts shall be selected from the roster of experts on an ad hoc basis, when required, on the basis of their specific areas of expertise and in consultation with the Chair of the SBI, who will decide on their terms and lengths of service.
5. The members of the Consultative Group of Experts shall be nominated for a period of two years and shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. For reasons of continuity and institutional memory, two members of each regional group of the Consultative Group of Experts shall continue to serve for a period of one year. Thereafter, new members shall be nominated to replace those who have served their terms.
6. Representatives from the three regional groups of non-Annex I Parties shall serve as Chair and Rapporteur on a rotational basis. The Chair shall serve for a period of one year. The Rapporteur shall succeed in serving as Chair, at which time a new Rapporteur shall be nominated.
7. If a member of the Consultative Group of Experts resigns or is otherwise unable to complete the assigned term of office or to perform the functions of that office, the Consultative Group of Experts may decide, bearing in mind the proximity of the next session of the Conference of the Parties, to request the group that had nominated the member to nominate another member to replace the said member for the remainder of that member's mandate. In such a case, the Consultative Group of Experts shall take into

account any views expressed by the group that had nominated the member and shall notify the Chair of the SBI of any replacement.

8. The Consultative Group of Experts shall meet not more than twice a year, each time in conjunction with meetings of the subsidiary bodies, or with scheduled workshops. Ad hoc meetings may be convened, subject to the availability of funds and in consultation with the Chair of the SBI, when deemed necessary to fulfil its mandate, depending on the number of national communications to be considered.

9. The Consultative Group of Experts shall be mandated:

(a) To identify and assess technical problems and constraints that have affected the preparation of initial national communications by non-Annex I Parties that have yet to complete them;

(b) To identify and assess, as appropriate, the difficulties encountered by non-Annex I Parties in the use of the guidelines and methodologies for the preparation of national communications and make recommendations for their improvement;

(c) To examine national communications submitted to the secretariat, in particular, the description of analytical and methodological issues, including technical problems and constraints in the preparation and reporting of greenhouse gas inventories, mitigation activities, vulnerability and adaptation assessments and other information, with a view to improving the consistency of the information provided, data collection, the use of local and regional emission factors and activity data and the development of methodologies;

(d) To provide technical advice and support, by organizing and conducting workshops, including hands-on training workshops at the regional or subregional level, on national greenhouse gas inventories, vulnerability and adaptation, and mitigation, as well as training on the use of the guidelines for the preparation of second and subsequent national communications by non-Annex I Parties;

(e) To review existing activities and programmes, including those of multilateral and bilateral funding sources, to facilitate and support the preparation of second and subsequent national communications by non-Annex I Parties;

(f) To provide, as appropriate, technical advice to the SBI on matters relating to the implementation of the Convention by non-Annex I Parties under the UNFCCC;

(g) To develop the agenda for workshops and meetings with the assistance by the secretariat, to ensure adequate coverage of issues identified in the mandate. Experts and resource persons at these workshops will be drawn from the roster of experts. If deemed necessary, other experts of international standing can be invited.

10. The Consultative Group of Experts shall encourage interaction on relevant technical issues among expert groups established under the Convention.

11. Recommendations of the Consultative Group of Experts on matters indicated in paragraph 9 above shall be forwarded for consideration by the SBI.

12. The secretariat shall support the activities of the Consultative Group of Experts, and facilitate the organization of meetings and preparation of background materials, documents and workshop reports, as appropriate, which will be made available to the Parties. The secretariat shall include on its web site information on activities and programmes that facilitate the preparation of national communications.

Decision 4/CP.8

National communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular Articles 4, 5 and 6, Article 7, paragraph 2, Article 9, paragraph 2 (b), Article 10, paragraph 2, Article 11 and Article 12,

Recalling its decisions 9/CP.2, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4 and 33/CP.7 on national communications from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, decision 4/CP.3, which amended the list in Annex I to the Convention, and decision 4/CP.5 on the guidelines for the preparation of national communications by Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, part II: UNFCCC reporting guidelines on national communications,

Having considered the relevant recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation,

1. *Urges* those Parties included in Annex I to the Convention which have not submitted their first, second or third national communication, including those Parties that were included in Annex I by decision 4/CP.3, to do so as soon as possible;
2. *Urges those* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention which have not submitted their annual greenhouse gas inventories pursuant to decisions 11/CP.4 and 3/CP.5 to do so as soon as possible;
3. *Requests* Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to submit to the secretariat, in accordance with Article 12, paragraphs 1 and 2, a fourth national communication by 1 January 2006;
4. *Concludes* that the review of the national communications and consideration of the outcome of this review has proven its utility and it should continue in accordance with decisions 2/CP.1, 6/CP.3 and 11/CP.4.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

Decision 5/CP.8

Review of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraph 3, and Article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 9/CP.1, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 13/CP.2, 11/CP.3, 12/CP.3 and 3/CP.4,

Noting the review process on the effectiveness of the financial mechanism, undertaken by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its seventeenth session, in accordance with the criteria contained in the annex to decision 3/CP.4,

Noting also the synthesis report prepared by the secretariat on the review of the financial mechanism,¹ the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session,² and the Second Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility,

Noting further that the Global Environment Facility has effectively performed its role as an entity operating the financial mechanism of the Convention,

Welcoming the successful and substantial third replenishment of the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund,

Welcoming also the Beijing Declaration of the Second Assembly of the Global Environment Facility,

1. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to report to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session on progress in the implementation of its plan of action developed in response to the recommendations of the Second Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility, and also on how it has taken into consideration the recommendations of the second review of the effectiveness of the financial mechanism by the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility secretariat, in consultation with the Convention secretariat, to initiate a dialogue in order to implement more effectively the guidance provided by the Conference of the Parties to the Global Environment Facility as an entity operating the financial mechanism, drawing upon the experience gained and lessons learned from the projects and programmes funded by the Global Environment Facility, and to explore opportunities for streamlining guidance, and to report on the outcome of this dialogue in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth session;

3. *Requests* the Convention secretariat, in consultation with the secretariat of the Global Environment Facility, to prepare for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its twentieth session a report on the implementation of decisions 12/CP.2 and 12/CP.3 in accordance with Article 11 on the determination of funding necessary and available for the implementation of the Convention;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2002/14.

² FCCC/CP/2002/4.

4. *Invites* the Global Environment Facility:

(a) To review, in cooperation with the implementing and executing agencies as well as national focal points, its project cycle, with a view to making it simpler and more efficient, taking into account the lessons learned and the findings of the Global Environment Facility Monitoring and Evaluation Unit;

(b) To continue its efforts to increase the administrative efficiency and cost-effectiveness of its operations in line with the recommendations of the Second Overall Performance Study of the Global Environment Facility and the Beijing Declaration;

(c) To continue to make the concept of agreed incremental costs and global benefits more understandable, recognizing that the process for determining incremental costs should be transparent, flexible and pragmatic, consistent with the Beijing Declaration;

(d) To strengthen efforts to promote consistency of Global Environment Facility activities with national priorities and to integrate them into national planning frameworks, such as national sustainable development strategies and poverty reduction strategies;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to initiate the third review of the financial mechanism at its twenty-first session in accordance with the criteria contained in the guidelines annexed to decision 3/CP.4, or as they may be subsequently amended, and to take appropriate measures and report on the outcome to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth session.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

Decision 6/CP.8

Additional guidance to an operating entity of the financial mechanism

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 3, Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9, Article 6, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 10/CP.2, 11/CP.2, 12/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 1/CP.4, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 6/CP.4, 8/CP.5, 9/CP.5, 10/CP.5, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 6/CP.7 and 7/CP.7,

Recalling further that in accordance with decision 11/CP.1 the Conference of the Parties is to give guidance on policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria to an operating entity of the financial mechanism,

Acknowledging the usefulness of cooperation to promote, facilitate, develop and implement public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects, in accordance with Article 6 of the Convention,

Reaffirming that capacity-building for developing countries is essential to enable them to participate fully in, and to implement effectively their commitments under, the Convention,

1. *Decides* that the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should:

(a) On matters relating to national communications:

- (i) Provide financial resources at an appropriate level to cover the requirements of the guidelines annexed to decision 17/CP.8, in an expedited manner, by an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, on an agreed full cost basis for the preparation of national communications, as well as capacity-building activities relating to the preparation of national communications pursuant to decision 2/CP.7, and in particular paragraphs 1 (c), 3, 4 and 5 of decision 6/CP.7;
- (ii) Continue to provide funding to Parties that have initiated the process of preparing second national communications and received funding under the expedited procedures or on an agreed full cost basis prior to the approval of the guidelines annexed to decision 17/CP.8;

(b) On matters relating to capacity-building: further the prompt implementation of decision 2/CP.7, taking into account paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of decision 6/CP.7, and also take into account decisions 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7 and 6/CP.7 when developing its "Elements of strategic collaboration and a framework for Global Environment Facility action for capacity-building on the global environment" to be presented to the Council of the Global Environment Facility in May 2003;

(c) On matters relating to transfer of technologies: provide financial resources to non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed country Parties and the small island developing States among them, in accordance with decision 4/CP.7, through its climate change focal area and the Special Climate Change Fund established under decision 7/CP.7, for the implementation of the

framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, contained in the annex to decision 4/CP.7;

(d) On matters relating to Article 6: provide financial resources to non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed country Parties and the small island developing States among them, in accordance with decisions 11/CP.1 and 6/CP.7, to support the implementation of the work programme on Article 6 of the Convention contained in the annex to decision 11/CP.8;

(e) On matters relating to the report of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties: include in its report to the Conference of the Parties detailed information in accordance with the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its seventeenth session, on the report of the Global Environment Facility;¹

2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session information on the specific steps undertaken to implement the provisions of this decision.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2002/17, paragraphs 22–24.

Decision 7/CP.8**Initial guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 4, paragraphs 1 (b), 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, of the Convention,

Recalling its decision 7/CP.7, which established that there is a need for funding, including funding that is new and additional to contributions which are allocated to the climate change focal area of the Global Environment Facility and to multilateral and bilateral funding, for the implementation of the Convention, and thus established, inter alia, the Special Climate Change Fund,

Recalling further decision 4/CP.7, which requested the Global Environment Facility, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the Convention, to provide financial support through its climate change focal area and the Special Climate Change Fund for the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, as contained in the annex to that decision,

Recalling paragraph 3 of its decision 7/CP.7, which stated that Parties included in Annex II, and Parties included in Annex I that are in the position to do so, shall be invited to contribute to the fund, which shall be operated by an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism under the guidance of the Conference of the Parties,

Welcoming with appreciation the joint political declaration made by the European Community and its member States, together with Canada, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland, and inviting other Parties in a position to do so, to contribute to the fund,

Welcoming further the arrangements made by the Global Environment Facility for the establishment of the Special Climate Change Fund,

Recalling decision 7/CP.7, paragraph 1 (e) and (f), which states that Parties included in Annex II shall report on their financial contributions on an annual basis, and that the Conference of the Parties shall review those reports also on an annual basis,

1. *Decides* that, for the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund, the Global Environment Facility, as an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, should:

- (a) Promote complementarity of funding between the Special Climate Change Fund and other funds with which the operating entity is entrusted;
- (b) Ensure financial separation of the Special Climate Change Fund from other funds with which the operating entity is entrusted;
- (c) Ensure transparency in the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund;
- (d) Adopt streamlined procedures for the operation of the Special Climate Change Fund while ensuring sound financial management;

2. *Decides* to further define the prioritized activities, programmes and measures to be funded out of the Special Climate Change Fund in areas enumerated in paragraph 2 of decision 7/CP.7 by undertaking the activities described below:

(a) Initiating a process now with a view to providing further guidance to the Global Environment Facility, this process to consist of:

- (i) Requesting Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 15 February 2003, views on activities, programmes and measures referred to in paragraph 2 of decision 7/CP.7;
- (ii) Requesting the Expert Group on Technology Transfer and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to submit to the secretariat, as soon as possible, views, relevant to their mandates, on activities, programmes and measures referred to in paragraph 2 of decision 7/CP.7;
- (iii) Requesting the secretariat to prepare for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its eighteenth session, a report summarizing and analysing the above-mentioned submissions;

(b) Upon completion of such a process, a decision at its ninth session will provide guidance to the Global Environment Facility in order for the Global Environment Facility to operationalize the fund without delay thereafter.

*8th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

Decision 8/CP.8**Guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Reaffirming the need for the adoption and operationalization of simplified procedures and expedited access to the Least Developed Countries Fund by the least developed country Parties,

Reaffirming also the need to ensure complementarity of funding between the Least Developed Countries Fund and other funds with which the entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention is entrusted,

Welcoming the arrangements made by the Global Environment Facility as the entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for operationalizing the Least Developed Countries Fund,

Recalling its decisions 5/CP.7 and 7/CP.7 establishing the Least Developed Countries Fund to support the programme of work for least developed countries,

Welcoming the progress in mobilizing voluntary contributions to the Least Developed Countries Fund,

Recognizing the specific needs of least developed countries with regard to training in negotiating skills and language,

Recalling its decision 27/CP.7 containing the initial guidance for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, and 29/CP.7 mandating the Least Developed Countries Expert Group to serve in an advisory capacity to the least developed countries on the preparation, and strategy for implementation, of national adaptation programmes of action, through, inter alia, workshops, upon request by least developed countries Parties,

1. *Decides* to adopt the following additional guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention, for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund established under decisions 5/CP.7 and 7/CP.7;
2. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility, including its implementing agencies, to ensure the speedy release and disbursement of funds and timely assistance for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action;
3. *Requests* the entity in its capacity referred to in paragraph 1 above to support, where sufficient voluntary funding has not been provided from bilateral sources, the organization, under the guidance of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, of four regional workshops in 2003 (one in Africa for francophone least developed countries, one in Africa for anglophone least developed countries, one in Asia, and one in a small island developing State) to advise least developed countries in order to advance the process for preparing national adaptation programmes of action in these regions;

4. *Requests* the entity referred to in paragraph 1 above to undertake the necessary arrangements for the implementation of the above-mentioned guidance, and to include in its report to the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session the specific steps it has undertaken to implement this guidance;

5. *Encourages* Annex II Parties, and Parties included in Annex I that are in a position to do so, to address the needs of least developed countries with regard to training in negotiating skills and language through bilateral and other sources of funding;

6. *Invites* all Parties, and the Least Developed Countries Expert Group, and the Global Environment Facility and its implementing and executing agencies, to submit to the secretariat, by 15 April 2003, views on strategies for implementing national adaptation programmes of action and ways and means to address the various elements of the least developed countries work programme, in order to meet the urgent and immediate adaptation needs of least developed countries, for consideration by Parties at the eighteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

7. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a compilation of views received pursuant to paragraph 6 above;

8. *Decides* to consider providing further guidance to an entity entrusted with the operation of the financial mechanism of the Convention for the operation of the Least Developed Countries Fund, at its ninth session.

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1 November 2002*

Decision 9/CP.8

Review of the guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries, referred to in Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Convention,

Recalling its decision 28/CP.7, containing guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action,

Having considered the submissions from Parties,¹ and from the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,² on this issue,

Having considered the progress report of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group,³

1. *Decides* that a revision of the guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action is not necessary at this time;
2. *Invites* the least developed country Parties to use, as appropriate, the annotations to the guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action prepared by the Least Developed Countries Expert Group;
3. *Decides* to review, and if necessary revise, the guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action at its ninth session, based on the experience of least developed country Parties in the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action, and on the outcome of the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group.

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1 November 2002*

¹ FCCC/SBI/2002/MISC.1 and Add.1.

² FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.14.

³ FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.16.

Decision 10/CP.8

Development and transfer of technologies

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling chapter 34 of Agenda 21 on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and the relevant provisions of the Plan of Implementation adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in August 2002,

Pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8, Article 9, paragraph 2 (c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4,

Recalling its decisions 11/CP.1, 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 9/CP.5 and 4/CP.7,

Recognizing the progress made by the secretariat on the development of the secretariat's technology information system (TT:CLEAR), which has been available to the Parties for testing since September 2001,

Welcoming the initial progress made in the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention, contained in the annex to decision 4/CP.7,

Noting with appreciation the progress made by the Expert Group on Technology Transfer in implementing its work programme for the biennium 2002–2003,

1. *Encourages* the Expert Group on Technology Transfer to continue its good work;
2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice:
 - (a) To request its Chair to conduct consultations and facilitate collaboration among expert groups established under the Convention, to the extent practicable, on their work programmes on cross-cutting issues, including those relating to technology transfer and capacity-building activities;
 - (b) To take into account, when examining at its nineteenth session the work programme of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for the following year, innovative ways to address the outcomes of technology needs assessments already completed by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to assist the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to facilitate the consultations among the expert groups, as referred to in paragraph 2 (a) above.

*7th plenary meeting
1 November 2002*

Decision 11/CP.8**New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention**

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Articles 2, 3, 4 and 6 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decisions 11/CP.1, 2/CP.7, 3/CP.7, 4/CP.7, 5/CP.7 and 6/CP.7,

Recalling further Agenda 21 and relevant reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

Recognizing the importance of Article 6 in engaging all stakeholders and major groups in the development and implementation of policies relating to climate change, consistent with sustainable development goals,

Recognizing also the need to establish a country-driven work programme that enhances cooperation, coordination and exchange of information among governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, as well as the private and public sectors,

Recognizing further the need for adequate financial and technical resources to ensure effective implementation of activities under Article 6, and for strengthening or establishing, as appropriate, national climate change secretariats or national focal points, particularly in developing country Parties,

Having considered the recommendations of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its seventeenth session,¹

1. *Adopts* the five-year work programme on Article 6 contained in the annex to this decision;
2. *Decides* to undertake a review of the work programme in 2007, with an intermediate review of progress in 2004, to evaluate its effectiveness;
3. *Requests* Parties to prepare reports (within their national communications, where possible) on their efforts to implement the work programme for the purpose of reviewing the programme in 2004 and 2007;
4. *Encourages* intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue their activities relevant to Article 6 and invites them to develop programmatic responses to the five-year work programme;

¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2002/13, paragraph 52.

5. *Encourages* Parties to make full use of the existing opportunities provided by the Global Environment Facility, as an entity operating the financial mechanism of the Convention, in particular in accordance with decision 6/CP.7, paragraph 1 (h)² and decisions 2/CP.7 and 3/CP.7, or in the context of national communications, as well as the opportunities provided by other multilateral and bilateral sources of funding;

6. *Requests* the Global Environment Facility to provide financial resources to Parties not included in Annex I of the Convention (non-Annex I Parties), in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, in accordance with decisions 11/CP.1 and 6/CP.7, to support the implementation of the work programme;

7. *Encourages* multilateral and bilateral organizations to support the activities relating to the implementation of Article 6 and its work programme, as well as relevant capacity-building activities in non-Annex I Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States among them.

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² Decision 6/CP.7 paragraph 1 (h), states:

“1. *Decides* that, in accordance with Articles 4.3, 4.5 and 11.1 of the Convention, the GEF, as an operating entity of the financial mechanism, should provide financial resources to developing country Parties, in particular the least developed and the small island developing States among them, for the following activities, including those identified in paragraph 7 of decision 5/CP.7:

(h) Undertaking more in-depth public awareness and education activities and community involvement and participation in climate change issues.”

ANNEX

New Delhi work programme on Article 6 of the Convention**A. Observations**

1. The implementation of all elements of Article 6 of the Convention, including education, training, public awareness, public participation, public access to information and international cooperation, will contribute to meeting the objective of the Convention.
2. All Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities, are responsible for the implementation of Article 6 of the Convention. The capacity to implement Article 6 activities will vary among countries, as will the priority thematic areas and target audiences, consistent with their sustainable development priorities and the culturally preferred method of programme delivery, in order to increase people's understanding of the climate change issue.
3. Regional, subregional and international cooperation can enhance the collective ability of Parties to implement the Convention, improve synergies, avoid duplication of effort between the different conventions, and ultimately both improve the effectiveness of programming and facilitate its support.
4. It is important to learn more from countries regarding the needs and gaps in their Article 6 activities, so that Parties, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have the resources to do so might effectively target their efforts at providing appropriate support.
5. Many Parties, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations, as well as the private and public sectors, are already working actively to raise awareness on, and increase understanding of, the causes and impacts of climate change, as well as solutions. In particular, many governments are already implementing measures that could be linked to Article 6 activities. However, the lack of adequate financial and technical resources could inhibit some Parties' efforts to implement such activities, in particular developing country Parties.
6. The nature of Article 6 activities carried out by Parties can easily be reported. However, measuring or quantifying the impacts of these activities may be more challenging.

B. Purposes and guiding principles

1. The present work programme sets out the scope of, and provides the basis for action on, activities related to Article 6, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention. It should serve as a flexible framework for country-driven action addressing the specific needs and circumstances of Parties, and reflecting their national priorities and initiatives.
2. The Article 6 work programme builds on existing decisions of the Conference of the Parties, specifically the Marrakesh Accords, which contain a number of references to Article 6 activities, in particular decisions 2/CP.7 and 3/CP.7 on capacity-building in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition, 4/CP.7 on development and transfer of technologies, and 5/CP.7 on implementation of Article 4, paragraphs 8 and 9.
3. The Article 6 work programme shall be guided by:
 - (a) A country-driven approach;
 - (b) Cost-effectiveness;

- (c) A phased approach integrating Article 6 activities into existing climate change programmes and strategies;
- (d) Promotion of partnerships, networks and synergies, in particular, synergies between conventions;
- (e) An interdisciplinary approach;
- (f) A holistic, systematic approach;
- (g) The principles of sustainable development.

C. Scope of the work programme

4. As part of their national programmes to implement the Convention, and taking into account national circumstances and capacities, Parties are encouraged to undertake activities under the categories listed below, which reflect the six elements of Article 6.

International cooperation

5. Subregional, regional and international cooperation in undertaking activities within the scope of the work programme can enhance the collective ability of Parties to implement the Convention, and the efforts of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations can also contribute to its implementation. Such cooperation can further enhance synergies between conventions and improve the effectiveness of all sustainable development efforts.

Education

6. In order to advance implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, it is useful to cooperate in, promote, facilitate, develop and implement education and training programmes focused on climate change, targeting youth in particular, and including exchange or secondment of personnel to train experts.

Training

7. In order to advance implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, it is useful to cooperate in, promote, facilitate, develop and implement training programmes focused on climate change, for scientific, technical, and managerial personnel at the national and, as appropriate, subregional, regional and international levels. Technical skills and knowledge provide an opportunity to adequately address and respond to climate change issues.

Public awareness, public participation and public access to information

8. In order to advance implementation of Article 6 of the Convention, it is useful to cooperate in, promote, facilitate, develop and implement public awareness programmes on climate change and its effects at the national and, as appropriate, subregional, regional and international levels. It is also useful to facilitate public access to information on climate change and its effects, and to promote public participation in addressing climate change and its effects and in developing adequate responses.

D. Implementation

Parties

9. As part of their national programmes and activities in implementing the Convention, and within the scope of the Article 6 work programme, Parties, taking into account their common but differentiated responsibilities and their specific national and regional development priorities and capacities, could, inter alia:

(a) Develop institutional and technical capacity to identify gaps and needs for the implementation of Article 6, assess the effectiveness of Article 6 activities, and consider the linkages between Article 6 activities, implementation of policies and measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and other commitments under the Convention, such as technology transfer and capacity-building;

(b) Prepare assessments of needs specific to national circumstances in the area of the implementation of Article 6, including the use of surveys and other relevant instruments to determine target audiences and potential partnerships;

(c) Designate, and provide support to, a national focal point for Article 6 activities and assign specific responsibilities. These responsibilities could include the identification of areas for possible international cooperation and opportunities for strengthening synergies with other conventions, and the coordination of the preparation of the Article 6 chapter in the national communications, ensuring that relevant contact information, including web site addresses, is provided therein;

(d) Develop a directory of organizations and individuals, with an indication of their experience and expertise relevant to Article 6 activities, with a view to building active networks involved in the implementation of these activities;

(e) Develop criteria for identifying and disseminating information on good practices for Article 6 activities, in accordance with national circumstances;

(f) Increase the availability of copyright-free and translated climate change materials, in accordance with laws and standards relating to the protection of copyrighted materials;

(g) Enhance efforts to develop and use curricula and teacher training focused on climate change as methods to integrate climate change issues at all educational levels and across disciplines;

(h) Seek opportunities to disseminate widely relevant information on climate change. Measures could include translation into appropriate languages and distribution of popularized versions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Third Assessment Report and other key documents on climate change;

(i) Seek input and public participation, including participation by youth and other groups, in the formulation and implementation of efforts to address climate change and encourage the involvement and participation of representatives of all stakeholders and major groups in the climate change negotiation process;

(j) Inform the public about causes of climate change and sources of greenhouse gas emissions, as well as actions that can be taken at all levels to address climate change;

(k) Share the findings contained in their national communications and national action plans or domestic programmes on climate change with the general public and all stakeholders.

10. In developing and implementing Article 6 activities, Parties should seek to enhance cooperation and coordination at international and regional levels, including the identification of partners and networks with other Parties, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, the private sector, state and local governments, and community-based organizations, and to promote and facilitate the exchange of information and material, and the sharing of experience and good practices.

Intergovernmental organizations

11. Intergovernmental organizations, including convention secretariats, are invited, inter alia:

(a) To continue supporting efforts to implement activities under Article 6 through their regular programmes, and through specific programmes focused on climate change, including, as appropriate, through the provision and dissemination of information and resource materials, such as diagrams that could easily be translated and adapted, as well as through the provision of financial and technical support;

(b) To strengthen collaboration with, and enhance involvement of, other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, with a view to ensuring coordinated support to Parties in their activities related to Article 6 and avoiding duplication of work.

Non-governmental organizations

12. Non-governmental organizations are encouraged to continue their activities relating to Article 6 and are invited to consider ways to enhance cooperation between non-governmental organizations from Annex I and non-Annex I countries, as well as collaboration on activities between intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and governments.

Support

13. Parties will need to determine the most efficient and cost-effective way to implement Article 6 activities, and are encouraged to create partnerships with other Parties, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders, to facilitate the implementation of these activities, including the identification of priority areas for support and funding.

14. As initial priorities, the implementation of the work programme will require the strengthening of national institutions and capacities, in particular in developing countries, and the establishment of a mechanism to provide and exchange information.

Review of progress and reporting

15. The Conference of the Parties, through the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice, will undertake a review of progress in the implementation of this work programme by 2007, with an intermediate review of progress in 2004.

16. All Parties are requested to report in their national communications, where possible, and in other reports, on their accomplishments, lessons learned, experiences gained, and remaining gaps and barriers observed.

17. Intergovernmental organizations are invited to develop programmatic responses to the Article 6 work programme and, following consultations with the Convention secretariat, to communicate to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice through the secretariat the responses and

progress achieved, for the purpose of reviewing the programme and evaluating its effectiveness in 2004 and 2007.

18. Non-governmental organizations are invited to provide relevant information to the secretariat and in accordance with their national circumstances, informing and involving their national focal point as appropriate, on progress achieved for the purpose of reviewing the Article 6 work programme and evaluating its effectiveness in 2004 and 2007.

Role of the secretariat

19. In accordance with Article 8 of the Convention, the secretariat is requested to facilitate efforts under the Article 6 work programme and, in particular:

(a) To prepare reports to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on progress achieved by Parties in implementing Article 6, based on information contained in national communications and other sources of information. These reports will be issued regularly, and in particular for the interim progress review in 2004 and the review in 2007;

(b) To facilitate coordinated inputs into the five-year Article 6 work programme by intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations;

(c) To continue work on the structure and content of an information clearing house, including information on existing resources that could facilitate (i) the implementation of the work programme, and (ii) information exchange and cooperation between Parties, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations working on Article 6 issues, and to identify institutions that could host and provide regular support for such a clearing house.

Decision 12/CP.8

Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate system: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons

The Conference of the Parties,

Expressing its appreciation to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol for their timely and complete response to the request of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,¹

Having considered the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions,

Recalling that the Convention provides flexibility for Parties included in Annex I to the Convention to optimize their approaches in minimizing the overall carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of greenhouse gases in their actions to address climate change,

Recognizing the role of the use of hydrofluorocarbons, hydrocarbons, ammonia, carbon dioxide and other options in the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances under the Montreal Protocol,

Recognizing also the need for governments to engage in or continue dialogues with relevant industries and stakeholders to advance information regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances in a manner that contributes to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention,

Noting the importance of continuing research and development on technologies that safeguard the ozone layer while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention,

Noting also that the Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol is funding the replacement of ozone-depleting substances in developing countries by alternatives, some of which are also greenhouse gases,

Noting further that many developing countries Parties to the Montreal Protocol use hydrofluorocarbons in applications and depend on imports of these substances, and that any conversion has implications, including technological and economic implications, for those countries,

Considering the wide dissemination of policy-neutral information to be vital in allowing enterprises and governments to make fully informed choices regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances,

1. *Invites* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and, through the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol, the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to develop a balanced scientific, technical and policy-relevant special report as outlined in their response to a request by the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice,²

¹ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23.

² See document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23.

2. *Urges* the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to address all areas into one single integrated report and finalize the report by early 2005;
3. *Encourages* Parties to ensure that their actions to address ozone depletion are undertaken in a manner that also contributes to the objective of the Convention;
4. *Encourages* governments to engage in or continue dialogues with relevant industries and stakeholders to advance information regarding replacement options for ozone-depleting substances in a manner that contributes to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention;
5. *Encourages* relevant organizations to continue to make available policy-neutral information, particularly to developing countries, including through the Convention web site;
6. *Encourages* Parties to work towards continuing research and development on technologies that safeguard the ozone layer while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the Convention;
7. *Invites* Parties to consider project funding in addition to funding by the Multilateral Fund under the Montreal Protocol, in particular through the Global Environment Facility and the clean development mechanism;
8. *Requests* the Convention secretariat to bring this decision to the attention of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol through their respective secretariats;
9. *Decides* that:
 - (a) Until the acceptance by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol to undertake the work referred to in paragraph 1 above, the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice shall continue its consideration of the issues under the agenda item "Relationship between efforts to protect the stratospheric ozone layer and efforts to safeguard the global climate systems: issues relating to hydrofluorocarbons and perfluorocarbons";
 - (b) Upon receipt of the acceptance by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel of the Montreal Protocol, the issues referred to in paragraph 9 (a) above will be considered under the agenda item "Cooperation with relevant international organizations";
 - (c) Consideration of these issues under the new agenda item will resume at the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice session immediately following receipt of the report but not later than 2005.

Decision 13/CP.8

Cooperation with other conventions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recalling the objective and the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling its decision 1/CP.7, in particular paragraph 3,

Recognizing the need for cooperation between the three Rio conventions,

Noting the need for the Joint Liaison Group to invite the secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands to share information and to participate in the meetings of the Joint Liaison Group as appropriate,

Taking note of the progress report of the Joint Liaison Group of the secretariats of the three conventions,

1. *Affirms* that there is a need for enhanced cooperation between the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, with the aim of ensuring the environmental integrity of the conventions and promoting synergies under the common objective of sustainable development, in order to avoid duplication of efforts, strengthen joint efforts and use available resources more efficiently;

2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to continue and enhance cooperation with the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Committee on Science and Technology of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

3. *Supports* the mandate of the Joint Liaison Group;¹

4. *Urges* the Joint Liaison Group to continue its efforts to enhance coordination between the three conventions and their secretariats in accordance with its mandate.

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¹ See document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/2, paragraph 42 (d).

Decision 14/CP.8

Activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 5/CP.1, 10/CP.3, 13/CP.5 and 8/CP.7,

Taking note of the sixth synthesis report on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase,¹

Having considered the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice at its seventeenth session,

Acknowledging that participating in activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase continues to provide an important opportunity for learning by doing,

Further acknowledging the importance of offering opportunities to participate in activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase to those Parties that have not yet had experience of such activities,

Noting that reports on activities implemented jointly may be submitted at any time and are available on the UNFCCC web site,

1. *Decides* to continue the pilot phase for activities implemented jointly;
2. *Further decides* to change the frequency of the preparation and consideration of the synthesis report on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase from annual to biennial;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to make available to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at their sessions taking place in conjunction with the Conference of the Parties, updates of information submitted;
4. *Further decides* that the deadline for submission of reports on activities implemented jointly under the pilot phase, to be considered in the seventh synthesis report, shall be 1 June 2004.

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¹ FCCC/SBSTA/2002/8.

Decision 15/CP.8

Date and venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure being applied,¹ regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

1. *Decides* that the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held from 1 to 12 December 2003, to be preceded by informal pre-sessional meetings;
2. *Notes* with appreciation the expression of interest by the Government of Italy in hosting the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties;
3. *Invites* the Government of Italy to provide further information on its offer by 30 November 2003;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Italy and to report to the Bureau not later than 15 January 2003 on whether the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties could be held in Italy, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243;
5. *Requests* the Bureau to decide on the venue of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties by 30 January 2003 after the first fact-finding mission of the secretariat;
6. *Requests* the secretariat, in the light of a decision by the Bureau that the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties should be held in Italy, to conclude a host country agreement with the Government of Italy on arrangements for the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties.

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¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.

Decision 16/CP.8

Administrative and financial matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the information contained in documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative and financial matters,¹

Recalling paragraph 8 (b) of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,

Having considered the report of the Executive Secretary on late payment contributions: response options,²

I. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 2000–2001 and the audit report by the United Nations Board of Auditors;³
2. *Expresses appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the Convention's accounts and for the valuable audit observations and recommendations;
3. *Takes note* of the recommendations and invites the Executive Secretary to implement them, as appropriate.

II. Financial performance, 2002–2003

4. *Takes note* of the initial report on financial performance in 2002, including the status of contributions to all the trust funds of the Convention;
5. *Expresses appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
6. *Also expresses appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to facilitate the participation of developing country Parties in the Convention process, particularly the least developed countries and small island developing States among them, as well as contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
7. *Encourages* Parties to continue to contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process, as well as to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
8. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual contribution to the core budget of € 766,938 and its special contribution of € 1.89,522, as host Government to the secretariat in Bonn;
9. *Urges* Parties which have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without further delay, bearing in mind that contributions for 2003 are due on 1 January 2003 in accordance with the financial procedures of the secretariat;

¹ FCCC/SBI/2002/10 and Add.1, FCCC/SBI/2002/11 and FCCC/SBI/2002/INF.13.

² FCCC/SBI/2000/2.

³ FCCC/SBI/2002/10 and Add.1.

10. *Notes with concern* the large number of Parties that have not made their contributions for 2002 or for prior years, some since the establishment of the trust funds.

III. Late payment of contributions

11. *Takes note* of the initiatives already taken by the secretariat regarding late payment of contributions;⁴

12. *Urges* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year, and to pay their respective contributions promptly and in full by that date.

IV. Programme budget, 2004–2005

13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004–2005, including a contingency for conference services should this prove necessary in the light of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

14. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its eighteenth session to recommend a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session.

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⁴ FCCC/SBI/2000/2, paragraph 17.