

SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION  
Twelfth session  
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Agenda item 11

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**Late payment of contributions: response measures**

**Draft conclusions by the Chairman**

1. At its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, on 12 June, the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) considered the report of the Executive Secretary on late payment of contributions: response options, as provided in document FCCC/SBI/2000/2. After listening to the presentation by the Executive Secretary and comments by several delegations, some of which expressed concern over the additional options contained in paragraph 19 of the above-mentioned document, the Chairman asked Mr. Mohamed M. Ould El Ghaouth (Mauritania) to conduct informal consultations with interested Parties and present a draft decision to be adopted by the SBI at its plenary meeting before the end of the twelfth session.
2. The SBI also requested the Executive Secretary to submit further relevant information at its thirteenth session, after consulting with the United Nations on its practices in responding to late payment of contributions, for consideration by the SBI at that session.
3. Meanwhile, at its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, the SBI decided to transmit an initial draft decision proposed by the Chairman, which was not considered at its twelfth session, for consideration at its thirteenth session in September, with a view to recommending a draft decision for the adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its sixth session.

*[For the text of the initial draft decision mentioned in paragraph 3 above, see the attached annex.]*

**Annex**

**Draft decision by the Chairman of the SBI**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

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

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Secretary on late payment of contributions: response options (FCCC/SBI/2000/2);

1. *Takes note* of the initiatives already taken by the secretariat as indicated in paragraph 17 of the document;
2. *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;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue using persuasion as well as other means, including posting the status of contributions on the website in a more visible manner, to encourage Parties to make their contributions in time;
4. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 2001, Parties whose contributions are in arrears of one full year or more would not be eligible:
  - (a) For membership of the Bureau of the COP and its subsidiary bodies;
  - (b) To participate in the debates at sessions of the COP and its subsidiary bodies;
  - (c) For invitation to inter-sessional workshops and other meetings;
5. *Decides* that, with effect from 1 January 2001, Parties which would normally be eligible for funding, and whose contributions are in arrears for one full year or more, will not receive funding to attend any sessions;
6. *Also decides* that Parties which are least developed or small island States are exempt from paragraphs 4 and 5 unless their contributions are in arrears for two years or more;
7. *Decides further* that, with effect from 1 January 2001, Parties whose contributions are in arrears for one year or more will be allowed to attend the meetings of the COP or subsidiary bodies with a maximum of two delegates until their arrears have been cleared.

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