

Decision 4/CP.6

Administrative and financial matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the information contained in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative and financial matters (FCCC/SBI/2000/8, FCCC/SBI/2000/9, FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.5 and FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.12), as well as the oral presentation by the Executive Secretary on administrative arrangements,

I. Audited financial statements, 1998-1999

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 1998-1999, and the audit report by the United Nations Board of Auditors (FCCC/SBI/2000/9);
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 referred to in paragraph 2;
4. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the audit recommendations;

II. Financial performance, 2000

5. *Takes note* of the initial report on financial performance in 2000, including the status of contributions to all the trust funds of the Convention (FCCC/SBI/2000/8 and FCCC/SBI/2000/INF.12), and appreciates the clear and transparent manner in which these reports were presented;
6. *Express appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget and to Parties which have made additional voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;
7. *Also expresses its appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to assist the participation of developing country Parties in the Convention process, particularly the least developed and small island developing countries;
8. *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;
9. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual contribution of DM 3.5 million and its special contribution to the core budget of DM 1.5 million, as host Government to the secretariat in Bonn;
10. *Urges* Parties which have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without further delay, bearing in mind that contributions for 2001 are due on 1 January 2001 in accordance with the financial procedures of the secretariat;

11. *Notes with concern* the significant number of Parties that have not paid their contributions for 2000 or for prior years, some since the establishment of the trust fund;

III. Administrative arrangements

12. *Takes note* of the Executive Secretary's continued consultations with the United Nations to achieve a more rational and efficient approach to the administrative arrangements for the Convention;

13. *Notes with satisfaction* the initiative of the executive secretaries of the UNFCCC and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to establish common administrative and support services;

14. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its future sessions on progress made in implementing these matters;

IV. Programme budget

15. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fourteenth session a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, including a contingency for conference services should this prove necessary in the light of decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session;

16. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fourteenth session to recommend a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session.

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25 November 2000*