

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.

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