

**Decision 16/CP.3**

**Financial performance of the Convention in the biennium 1996-1997**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 16/CP.2, paragraph 14, whereby it requested the Executive Secretary to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its third session a further report on financial performance for the biennium 1996-1997,

*Recalling also* the financial rules for the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Takes note* of the information provided in documents FCCC/SBI/1997/18 and FCCC/SBI/1997/INF.7;
2. *Approves* the creation of a new trust fund for the special annual contribution of DM 3.5 million from the Government of Germany to finance events in Germany, made in accordance with the bilateral arrangements between the Government of Germany and the Convention secretariat, and *requests* the Executive Secretary to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish the new trust fund, to be managed by the Executive Secretary;
3. *Urges* Parties that have still not paid their 1996 and/or 1997 contributions to the core budget to do so without delay;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the Conference of the Parties at its fourth session, through the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, as appropriate, a final report on financial performance in the biennium 1996-1997, including audited financial statements, and an initial report on financial performance in 1998;
5. *Approves* transfers between the main appropriation lines to cover over-expenditures, for the Policy-making organs programme and the Implementation and planning programme, in excess of the 15 per cent transfer within each of the main appropriation lines that the Executive Secretary is at present authorized to make.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See decision 17/CP.1, para. 5.