

Decision 14/CP.2

Establishment of the permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning

The Conference of the Parties,

Having considered the report of the Executive Secretary on this subject,¹

I. Administrative arrangements

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the arrangements for United Nations administrative support to the Convention secretariat, including the financing of full administrative support from the proceeds of the overhead charge and *notes* that additional resources are expected to be made available for this purpose from the overhead charge on supplementary contributions;

II. Conference servicing

2. *Takes note* with appreciation of General Assembly resolution 50/115, paragraphs 8, 9 and 10, regarding the financing, from the regular programme budget of the United Nations, of the conference servicing costs arising from sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;

3. *Takes note* of General Assembly resolution 50/232 on the budgeting of conference servicing and *requests* the Executive Secretary to keep Parties informed of any further decisions of the General Assembly, and their implications;

III. Senior posts

4. *Takes note* of the outcome of the consultations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the levels of remuneration of the post of the head of the Convention secretariat and of the two other senior posts in the approved staffing table for the core budget;

¹ FCCC/CP/1996/6 and Add. 1-3.

5. *Takes note* with appreciation of the appointment of the Executive Secretary for two years from 1 January 1996 at the level of Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations;

6. *Recalls* its decision to review at its third session the levels of remuneration of the three senior posts;

IV. Review

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifth session on the results of the 1996 review of administrative support and of the Secretary-General's report to the fifty-first session of the General Assembly on the implementation of resolution 50/115.

V. Focal points and liaison arrangements

8. *Takes note* of the secretariat's plans for administrative and other liaison arrangements in Geneva until the end of 1997;

9. *Requests* Parties that have not yet done so to communicate to the secretariat their decision on the designation of focal points, as well as any need for liaison arrangements between their focal point and the secretariat in Bonn, so as to enable the Executive Secretary, in conjunction with other Convention secretariats and United Nations bodies, to explore the availability, cost, and funding of suitable liaison arrangements in Geneva and/or New York, and to report thereon to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its fifth session;

VI. Appreciation

10. *Expresses* its deep appreciation to the Government of Germany and the city of Bonn for the excellent facilities and support they are providing to the secretariat and looks forward to a smooth transition to the new location of the secretariat in Bonn.

8th plenary meeting

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