

Decision 38/CP.7

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 4 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,¹

Having considered the proposed budget for the biennium 2002-2003 submitted by the Executive Secretary,²

1. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, amounting to US\$ 32,837,100 for the purposes specified in table 1 below;
2. *Notes with appreciation* the annual contribution of the host Government of DM 1.5 million, which offsets planned expenditures;
3. *Approves* a drawing of US\$ 5 million from the unspent balances or contributions (carry-over) from previous financial periods to cover part of the 2002-2003 budget;
4. *Adopts* the indicative scale of contributions for 2002 and 2003 contained in the annex to this decision;
5. *Approves* the staffing table for the programme budget, as contained in table 2 below;
6. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference servicing, amounting to US\$ 5,661,800, to be added to the programme budget for the coming biennium in the event that the General Assembly of the United Nations decides not to provide resources for these activities in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (see tables 3 and 4 below);
7. *Invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide at its fifty-sixth session on the issue of meeting the conference-servicing expenses of the Convention from its regular budget;
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the implementation of paragraph 6 above, as necessary;
9. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers between each of the main appropriation lines set out in table 1 below, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of the total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I (FCCC/CP/1995/7/Add.1).

² FCCC/SBI/2001/17.