

Draft decision -/CP.16

Administrative, financial and institutional matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 12/CP.15, which approved the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011 and requested the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its sixteenth session on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the programme budget for the biennium 2010–2011,

Also recalling paragraph 11 of the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties,¹

Having considered the information in the documents prepared by the secretariat on administrative, financial and institutional matters,²

I. Audited financial statements for the biennium 2008–2009

1. *Takes note* of the audited financial statements for the biennium 2008–2009, the audit report of the United Nations Board of Auditors, which includes recommendations, and the comments of the secretariat thereon;
2. *Expresses its appreciation* to the United Nations for arranging the audits of the accounts of the Convention and for the valuable observations and recommendations of the auditors;
3. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations of the auditors, as appropriate;

II. Budget performance for the biennium 2010–2011

4. *Takes note* of the reporting on budget performance for the biennium 2010–2011 as at 30 June 2010 and of the updated status of contributions as at 15 November 2010 to the trust funds administered by the secretariat;
5. *Expresses its appreciation* to Parties that have paid their contributions to the core budget in a timely manner;
6. *Calls upon* Parties that have not paid their contributions to the core budget to do so without delay, bearing in mind that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with the financial procedures of the Conference of the Parties;
7. *Expresses its appreciation* for the contributions received from Parties to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities, especially for the generous contributions for the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention;

¹ Decision 15/CP.1, annex I.

² FCCC/SBI/2010/13, FCCC/SBI/2010/14 and Add.1 and 2, FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.5/Rev.1 and FCCC/SBI/2010/INF.9.

8. *Urges* Parties to further contribute to the Trust Fund for Participation in the UNFCCC Process to ensure the widest possible participation in the negotiations in 2011, and to the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities;

9. *Reiterates its appreciation* to the Government of Germany for its annual voluntary contribution to the core budget of EUR 766,938 and its special contribution of EUR 1,789,522 as Host Government to the secretariat in Bonn;

III. Continuing review of the functions and operations of the secretariat

10. *Notes* the information relating to the functions and operations of the secretariat as contained in relevant documents, particularly that contained in document FCCC/SBI/2009/11;

11. *Agrees* that the Subsidiary Body for Implementation should consider this matter at its thirty-fifth session, in keeping with its decision taken at its twenty-first session to continue to consider this matter annually;³

IV. Programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013

12. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit, for consideration by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-fourth session, a proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013;

13. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, when preparing the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013, to prepare a contingency for funding conference services, should this prove necessary in the light of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its sixty-sixth session;

14. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to recommend, at its thirty-fourth session, a programme budget for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its seventeenth session and by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol at its seventh session;

15. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to authorize the Executive Secretary to notify Parties of their indicative contributions for 2012 on the basis of the recommended budget.

³ FCCC/SBI/2004/19, paragraph 105.