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Agenda item 6 (c)

CONCLUSION OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND
ADOPTION OF DECISIONS

Draft decision on agenda item 5 (d) (iv)
submitted by the Chairman of the
Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole recommends to the Conference of the Parties the adoption of the following decision:

Designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning:
Adoption of the Convention budget for the biennium 1996-1997

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling that paragraph 4 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties 1/ provides that the Conference shall adopt a budget by consensus prior to the commencement of the financial period that it covers,

Having considered the proposed budget for the biennium 1996-1997 submitted by the Executive Secretary of the interim secretariat (FCCC/CP/1995/5/Add.2),

1/ See A/AC.237/91/Add.1, conclusion (k).

1. Approves the Convention budget for the biennium 1996-1997, amounting to \$18,664,200, for the following purposes, not including conference-servicing costs:

<u>I. Programmes</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
	<i>(thousands of US\$)</i>	
A. Policy-making organs	552.5	543.3
B. Executive direction and management	656.8	674.5
C.1 Communication, assessment and review	2,454.6	2,816.4
C.2 Financial and technical cooperation	1,006.4	1,369.2
C.3 Intergovernmental and institutional support	2,489.6	2,504.2
C.4 Implementation and planning	425.3	441.5
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Subtotal	7,585.2	8,349.1
II. <u>Overhead charge</u>	986.1	1,085.4
III. <u>Working capital reserve</u> (in accordance with paragraph 14 of the financial procedures)	658.4 ^{a)}	-
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TOTAL	9,229.7	9,434.5

2. Takes note of estimates of contributions, to offset expenditures set out in paragraph 1 above, as follows:

IV.1 Contributions from the host Government ^{b)}		
IV.2 Contributions of staff by Governments and organizations	639.0	334.6
IV.3 Allotment of overhead for administration ^{c)}		
IV.4 Year-end balance from voluntary funds established by General Assembly resolution 45/212 ^{d)}		

^{a)} Represents 8.3 per cent of the Convention budget in 1996 (one month of operating requirements), to be reviewed at COP.2.

^{b)} Amount will depend on decision on physical location.

^{c)} Amount between \$400,000 and \$500,000 per annum, depending on consultations with the United Nations.

^{d)} Amount will depend on the extrabudgetary contributions made during 1995 and on a decision of the General Assembly to transfer the funds.

3. Estimates that conference-servicing costs, provision for which has been requested from the General Assembly of the United Nations, will amount to \$3,100,000 for 1996 and \$2,200,000 for 1997; and that, should the General Assembly not accede to the request, the costs to the Parties (including overhead) will amount to \$3,503,000 for 1996 and \$2,486,000 for 1997;

4. Approves the staffing table for the core administrative budget as follows:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
(a) <u>Professional category and above</u>		
Head <u>2/</u>	1	1
D.2 <u>2/</u> 2		2
D.1	4	4
P.5	6.5	7
P.4	5	5
P.3	3	8.5
P.2	4	3
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Subtotal	25.5	30.5
 (b) <u>General service category</u>		
	18	19
 TOTAL	 43.5	 49.5

5. Authorizes the head of the secretariat to make transfers, between each of the main appropriation lines set out in paragraph 1.I above, up to the 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;

6. Recalls that contributions are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 8 (b) of the financial procedures;

7. Invites all Parties to the Convention to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 1996 and 1997, the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 1 of this decision, as offset by estimated contributions noted under paragraph 2 herein, and the contributions which may result from the decision of the General Assembly referred to in paragraph 3 above; and

2/ Levels to be decided later in this session, taking account of the request to be made to the Secretary-General concerning the appointment of the head of the secretariat.

8. Requests the head of the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustment that might be needed in the Convention budget for 1996-1997.
