

**Decision \_\_/CP.8**

**Development and transfer of technologies**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* chapter 34 of Agenda 21 on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies and the relevant provisions of the Plan of Implementation adopted by the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg in August 2002,

*Pursuant* to the relevant provisions of the Convention, in particular its Article 4, paragraphs 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8, Article 9, paragraph 2(c), Article 11, paragraphs 1 and 5, and Article 12, paragraphs 3 and 4,

*Recalling* its decisions 11/CP.1, 13/CP.1, 7/CP.2, 9/CP.3, 2/CP.4, 4/CP.4, 9/CP.5 and 4/CP.7,

*Recognizing* the progress made by the secretariat on the development of the secretariat's technology information system (TT:CLEAR), which has been available to the Parties for testing since September 2001,

*Welcoming* the initial progress made in the implementation of the framework for meaningful and effective actions to enhance the implementation of Article 4, paragraph 5, of the Convention contained in the annex to decision 4/CP.7,

*Noting* with appreciation the progress made by the Expert Group on Technology Transfer in implementing its work programme for the biennium 2002–2003,

1. *Encourages* the Expert Group on Technology Transfer to continue its good work;
2. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice:
  - (a) To request its Chair to conduct consultations and facilitate collaboration among expert groups established under the Convention, to the extent practicable, on their work programmes on cross-cutting issues, including those relating to technology transfer and capacity-building activities;
  - (b) To take into account, when examining at its nineteenth session the work programme of the Expert Group on Technology Transfer for the following year, innovative ways to address the outcomes of technology needs assessments already completed by developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to assist the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to facilitate the consultations amongst the expert groups, as referred to in paragraph 2(a) above.

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