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**SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

**Twenty-second session**

**Bonn, 20–27 May 2005**

**Item 6 (e) of the provisional agenda**

**Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings**

**Observer organizations in the Convention process**

## **Effective participation in the intergovernmental process**

### **Submissions from Parties**

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its twentieth session, agreed to continue its consideration of effective participation in the intergovernmental process at its twenty-second session on the basis of submissions received before 31 January 2005 (FCCC/SBI/2004/10, para. 99).
2. The secretariat has received one submission. In accordance with the procedure for miscellaneous documents, this submission is attached and reproduced\* in the language in which it was received and without formal editing.

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SUBMISSION FROM COLOMBIA

The Government of Colombia in response to the invitation made to provide views on the issue of effective participation in the Convention process, has the following views on this matter:

- The fact that the Secretariat can provide financial assistance to ensure the participation of developing countries in the meetings of the Convention Bodies is a step forward. As may parties stated in SBI 20, the goal is to fund at least two delegates for each developing country party to the Convention in each of the Convention meetings. This is our main goal. There is a clear unbalance in the composition of delegations and developing countries have one person delegation most of the times.
- Many countries have encountered problems with receiving the financial assistance offered by the Secretariat.
- The Secretariat must comply with the requirements that each Country has in order to receive such financial assistance. If not, the effectiveness of the participation of developing countries is hampered.
- We propose that after each party notifies the Secretariat the name of the delegate to be funded, the official letter of confirmation must reach the official to be financed, no later than 30 days before the beginning of the meeting. This gives sufficient time to make all the necessary arrangements to get to the meeting on time.
- Due consideration must be given to those countries that have specifically informed of the fact that they have special requirements. The Secretariat must strive to help that party to fulfill the requirements.

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