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**IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 4.8 AND 4.9 OF THE CONVENTION
(DECISION 3/CP.3 AND ARTICLES 2.3 AND 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL)**

MATTERS RELATING TO ARTICLE 3.14 OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL

Input to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 25 November 2000, the Conference of the Parties decided:

- (a) At the request of the group of least developed countries, to forward to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries a resolution (attached herewith as resolution -/CP.6) on matters relating to the specific needs and concerns and special situations of the least developed countries arising from the adverse effects of climate change;
- (b) To request the secretariat to prepare a technical information paper on the potential impacts of adverse effects of climate change on the economies of least developed countries and the social implications of these impacts;
- (c) To request the secretariat to convene a meeting of about 10 representatives from least developed countries, selected on the basis of proportional regional representation, for the preparation of technical input to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, taking into consideration the technical information paper referred to in subparagraph (b) above;
- (d) That one representative of the group of least developed countries should participate on behalf of that group in the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and convey to that conference the input referred to in subparagraph (c) above.

Resolution -/CP.6

Input to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The Conference of the Parties,

Concerned that global warming and the resulting climate change are likely to affect the ability of least developed countries to attain economic growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development,

Recognizing that the least developed countries are among the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change and, in particular, that widespread poverty limits their adaptive capacity,

Aware that low-income levels, underdeveloped economic structures and the poor state of their infrastructure have made the least developed countries highly vulnerable to external shocks resulting from natural causes or those arising from fluctuations in the world economy,

Acknowledging that the human, infrastructural and economic conditions of the least developed countries severely limit their capacity to participate effectively in the climate change process,

Cognizant that the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in Brussels in May 2001, is an important forum at which the special problems of the least developed countries will be brought into prominence in the hope that international cooperation will change in such a way as to adequately address their development needs,

1. *Invites* the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to address matters relating to the specific needs and concerns and special situations of the least developed countries arising from the adverse effects of climate change;
2. *Encourages* the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, when considering the establishment of debt relief mechanisms, to fully take into account the effects of climate change on productivity in the agricultural and other economic sectors as well as on health;
3. *Calls upon* developed countries participating in the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to bear in mind the need to incorporate the adverse effects of climate change in their current consideration of a possible reform of international development cooperation.
