

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue with these discussions in order to achieve a more rational and efficient approach to the administrative arrangements between the Convention secretariat and the United Nations, and to report to the SBI at its twelfth session on progress made in implementing the new administrative arrangements;

8. *Takes note* of the continuing action taken by the Executive Secretary to implement the recommendations made by both the internal and external auditors of the United Nations and invites the Executive Secretary to complete their implementation.

*9th plenary meeting*

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