

29. The SBI, in consequence of the above:

(a) Authorizes the Executive Secretary to notify the Parties by 1 October 1997 of their contributions to the core budget by 1 January 1998 on the basis of the budget recommended to COP and the contingencies included in paragraphs 6 and 7 of the above draft decision and on the basis of the existing indicative scale of contributions (decision 15/CP.1, paragraph 7 (a) and annex II of that decision) to be subsequently adapted to reflect any changes agreed upon by the General Assembly in the United Nations scale of assessments; and

(b) Invites the President of the COP to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the recommended level of remuneration of the post of Executive Secretary so that an appointment to that post may be made for a period beginning 1 January 1998.

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B. Volume of documentation
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1. Proceedings

30. At its 1st and 4th meetings, on 28 and 30 July respectively, the SBI addressed the sub-item on administrative and financial matters: volume of documentation. It had before it a document presented by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/1997/12).

31. Statements were made by representatives of x Parties, including x speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and x speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

2. Conclusion

32. At its 4th meeting on 30 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusion:

(a) At its sixth session, the SBI decided to recommend the following draft decision for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its third session:

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recalling* its decision 17CP.2, paragraph 2, whereby it requested the Executive Secretary to submit to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifth session further options for reducing the cost of documentation for the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies;