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ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE SESSIONS OF THE PLENARY COMMITTEE

Draft decision proposed by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations

Organization of work of the fourth session

The Preparatory Committee, having considered the question of arrangements for its fourth session, decides:

1. That its fourth session shall be designated as a negotiating session. In consequence, no general discussions on issues or reports will be held. The discussions will focus on proposals and negotiating texts;

2. That the bulk of the work of the session shall be conducted through the mechanism of informal consultations (with interpretation);

3. That the plenary will meet throughout the session. It will begin from the first week to discuss the cross-sectoral issues, starting with financial resources and the transfer of technology and that time will be given to the negotiations of these issues with a view to reaching a final agreement before the end of the session;