

- (i) Strengthening the UNFCCC national focal points or national authorities designated to handle climate change;
- (ii) Building expertise and strengthening institutions, including collaborating centres, in developing countries which can undertake capacity-building activities at the national, subregional and regional levels, so as to enable them to collect, analyse and provide information on climate change relevant to policy- and decision-making, using state-of-the-art information technology;
- (iii) Supporting the networking of these institutions among themselves, and between them and relevant institutions in developed country Parties;
- (iv) Using, as appropriate, national experts or consultants to undertake studies and to design, and implement projects at the national level;
- (v) Conducting training, seminars and exchange programmes for the personnel of developing country institutions and of relevant institutions in other developing countries and in developed countries;

2. *Invites* Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention (non-Annex I Parties) to elaborate their specific needs and priorities for capacity-building by 1 March 2000;

3. *Requests* Annex II Parties to supplement the information contained in their national communications on activities and programmes which facilitate capacity-building in developing countries in the area of climate change, by 1 March 2000;

4. *Invites* relevant intergovernmental organizations to provide the secretariat with information on their ongoing capacity-building activities by 1 March 2000;

5. *Requests* the secretariat:

(a) To compile information contained in initial national communications from non-Annex I Parties relating to capacity-building activities, programmes and needs, and to make it available in both printed and electronic formats prior to the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;

(b) To compile information contained in national communications of Annex II Parties on activities and programmes implemented to facilitate capacity-building in developing countries relevant to the implementation of the Convention, as well as the information referred to in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above, and to make it available in both printed and electronic formats prior to the twelfth sessions of the subsidiary bodies;