

5. *Approves* the staffing table for the programme budget, including the post of the Executive Secretary at the level of Assistant Secretary General and two other senior posts at the level of D-2, as contained in annex II to this decision;
6. *Approves* a contingency budget for conference servicing, amounting to US\$ 5,184,900, to be added to the programme budget for the coming biennium in the event that the General Assembly of the United Nations decides not to provide resources for these activities in the regular United Nations budget for 1998-1999 (see annex III to this decision);
7. [*Decides* to incorporate in the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 approved under paragraph 4 above and the staffing table approved under paragraph 5 above, the resources for a post-Kyoto intergovernmental process contingent upon the decision by the Conference of the Parties at its 3rd session to that effect, and as agreed by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its sixth session, amounting to US\$ 840,400 (see annex IV to this decision);]
8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its first session in 1998 on the implementation of paragraph 6 above;
9. *Authorizes* the Executive Secretary to make transfers, between each of the main appropriation lines set out in annex I, up to an aggregate limit of 15 per cent of total estimated expenditure for those appropriation lines, provided that a further limitation of up to minus 25 per cent of each such appropriation line shall apply;
10. *Decides* to maintain the level of the working capital reserve at 8.3 per cent of the estimated expenditure;
11. *Invites* all Parties to the Convention to note that contributions to the core budget are due on 1 January of each year in accordance with paragraph 8(b) of the financial procedures and to pay promptly and in full, for each of the years 1998 and 1999, the contributions required to finance expenditures approved under paragraph 4 [and 7] of this decision, as offset by estimated contributions noted under paragraph 3 herein, and the contributions which may result from the decision of the General Assembly referred to in paragraph 6 above;
12. *Takes note* of the funding estimates for the Trust Fund for Participation in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Process and the Trust Fund for Supplementary Activities under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change specified by the Executive Secretary and included in annex V to this note, and invites Parties to make contributions to these funds;
13. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Conference of the Parties at its next session on income and budget performance, and to propose any adjustments that might be needed in the Convention budget for 1998-1999.