

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS
(Agenda item 7)

A. Programme budget for 1998 - 1999
(Agenda item 7 (a))

1. Proceedings

26. At its 1st and 5th meetings, on 28 July and 5 August respectively, the SBI addressed the sub-item on administrative and financial matters: programme budget for 1998-1999. It had before it three documents presented by the secretariat (FCCC/SBI/1997/10, FCCC/SBI/1997/INF. 1, FCCC/SBI/1997/INF. 2). In presenting these documents at the first meeting, the Executive Secretary also drew attention to delays in contributions to the core budget and to the recurrent shortage of money in the trust fund for participation. He stated the intention by the secretariat to link eligibility for the latter with the state of payments by Parties to the former.

27. Statements were made by the 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. Conclusions

28. At its 5th meeting on 5 August, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBI adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBI recommended for adoption by the COP the following budget decision which would require finalization at the Conference with respect to the contingencies indicated therein:

The Conference of the Parties,

1. *Recalling* paragraph 4 of the financial procedures for the Conference of the Parties,

2. *Having considered* the proposed budget for the biennium 1998-1999 submitted by the Executive Secretary (FCCC/SBI/1997/10),

3. *Noting* the annual contribution of the host Government, DM 1.5 million, which offsets planned expenditures,

4. *Approves* the programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999, amounting to [\$X], for the purposes specified in the table contained in annex I to this decision;