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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Organization of the future work of the Committee

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995,

<u>Taking into account</u> the need for an efficient preparation of the first session of the Conference of the Parties,

Noting that the first session of the Conference of the Parties will be held not earlier than September 1997,

1. <u>Decides</u> that the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should aim at finalizing all outstanding negotiating issues and that the negotiations of the two working group should be concluded at that session;

2. <u>Further decides</u> that the programme of work of the tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee be structured in such a way that there will be sufficient time for groups consultations in the very beginning of the session;

3. <u>Authorizes</u> the Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, to organize such consultations in the period after the tenth session of the Committee, which he deems necessary for the appropriate preparation of the first Conference of the Parties.

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