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Agenda item 100 (d)

**Environment and sustainable development: Protection of global climate
for present and future generations of mankind****Letter dated 26 October 1999 from the President of the Conference of
the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
Change at its fifth session to the Chairman of the Second Committee**

I refer to sub-item 100 (d) of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly, "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", currently under consideration by the Second Committee, and attach for the information of the Committee a decision relevant to the sub-item and adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change at the second plenary meeting of its fifth session, on 25 October 1999 (see annex). By this decision, the Conference of the Parties invited the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session to decide on the issue of meeting the Convention's conference-servicing expenses from its regular budget, and also approved the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, subject to review not later than 31 December 2001 in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modification as may be considered desirable by both parties.

I would greatly appreciate your bringing the attached decision to the attention of the Second Committee and inviting the Committee to take it into account when recommending action by the General Assembly on sub-item 100 (d).

(Signed) Jan Szyszko

President of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session

Annex

Decision __/CP.5

Institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision 14/CP.1, whereby it decided that the Convention secretariat shall be institutionally linked to the United Nations, while not being fully integrated in the work programme and management structure of any department or programme, and decided further to review the functioning of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, not later than 31 December 1999, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/115 of 20 December 1995,

Taking note of the information provided by the Executive Secretary that the institutional linkage is working satisfactorily and is being adapted to changing circumstances,

Taking note also of the expression of intent by the Secretary-General to seek the endorsement of the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session for continuation of the institutional linkage,

1. *Invites* the United Nations General Assembly to decide at its fifty-fourth session on the issue of meeting the Convention's conference-servicing expenses from its regular budget, taking into account the views expressed by Member States;

2. *Approves* the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, subject to review not later than 31 December 2001, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties.
