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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee on  
Science and Technology

Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on  
Science and Technology

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* article 24 of the Convention on the Committee on Science and Technology,

*Recalling also* decision 15/COP.1,

*Taking note* of the observations and recommendations of the Committee on Science and Technology during its fourth session,

1. *Encourages* the Parties to hold extensive consultations on ways of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Committee on Science and Technology, and to transmit their recommendations, which should not exceed five pages in length, to the secretariat by 1 May 2001;

2. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a synthesis of those recommendations and to facilitate intensive consultations between the regional groups, to consist of two representatives per region, not later than September 2001, and to report to the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session.

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