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INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGE OF THE UNFCCC SECRETARIAT TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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 particular department or programme”,

Recalling further its decision 22/CP.5 whereby it decided to approve “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”,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/115 of 20 December 1995 and resolution 54/222 of 22 December 1999,

Having considered the report of the Executive Secretary on the current situation,¹

¹ FCCC/SBI/2001/5.

Noting the recommendation of the Secretary-General on this matter,²

Noting with satisfaction that the linkage continues to provide a sound basis for the functioning and administration of the Convention secretariat,

Noting that the expenses for conference servicing of the Convention are being met from the regular budget of the United Nations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the support provided to the secretariat of the Convention through the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Management;

2. *Approves* the continuation of the current institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations and related administrative arrangements for a further five-year period, to be reviewed by both the General Assembly and the Conference of the Parties by not later than 31 December 2006;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to seek the endorsement of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session for the continuation of the institutional linkage for a further five years;

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

² See document FCCC/SBI/2001/5, paragraph 15.