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### Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

**Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Jan Kára (Czech Republic), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.43**

### **Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 54/222 of 22 December 1999, its decision 55/443 of 20 December 2000 and its resolution 56/199 of 21 December 2001 and other resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind,

*Noting* that most States and one regional economic integration organization have acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* the provisions of the Convention, including acknowledging that the global nature of climate change calls for the widest possible cooperation by all countries and their participation in an effective and appropriate international response, in accordance with their common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and their social and economic conditions,

*Recalling* the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighth session, held at New Delhi from 23 October to 1 November 2002,

*Remaining deeply concerned* that all countries, particularly developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, face increased risks of negative impacts of climate change,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1771, No. 30822.

*Noting* that, to date, the Kyoto Protocol<sup>2</sup> to the Convention has attracted 97 ratifications,

*Taking into account* the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development<sup>3</sup> and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation<sup>4</sup> adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

*Expressing its deep appreciation* to the Government of India for hosting the eighth session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention at New Delhi from 23 October to 1 November 2002,

*Taking note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention,<sup>5</sup>

*Recalling* the United Nations Millennium Declaration,<sup>6</sup> in which heads of State and Government resolved to make every effort to ensure the entry into force of the Kyoto Protocol, preferably by the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 2002, and to embark on the required reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases,

1. *Calls upon* States to work cooperatively towards achieving the ultimate objective of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;<sup>1</sup>

2. *Notes* that States that have ratified the Kyoto Protocol<sup>2</sup> to the Convention strongly urge States that have not already done so to ratify it in a timely manner;

3. *Takes note* of the Delhi Ministerial Declaration on Climate Change and Sustainable Development, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its eighth session;

4. *Notes* the ongoing work of the liaison group of the secretariats and officers of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa,<sup>7</sup> and the Convention on Biological Diversity,<sup>8</sup> and encourages cooperation to promote complementarities among the three secretariats while respecting their independent legal status;

5. *Invites* the Executive Secretary of the Convention to report in a timely manner to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;

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<sup>2</sup> FCC/CP/1977/7/Add.1, decision 1/CP.3.

<sup>3</sup> *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1), chap. I, resolution I, annex.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

<sup>5</sup> See A/57/350.

<sup>6</sup> Resolution 55/2.

<sup>7</sup> See United Nations Environment Programme, *Convention on Biological Diversity* (Environmental Law and Institution Programme Activity Centre), June 1992.

<sup>8</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1954, No. 33480.

6. *Also invites* the conferences of the parties to the multilateral environmental conventions, when setting the dates of their meetings, to take into consideration the schedule of meetings of the General Assembly and the Commission on Sustainable Development so as to ensure the adequate representation of developing countries at those meetings;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the sub-item entitled “Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind”.

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