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The establishment of a trust fund for the participation of the least developed countries in the activities of the Assembly of States Parties

The Assembly of States Parties,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 51/207 of 17 December 1996 and 57/23 of 19 November 2002,

Recalling also its resolution ICC-ASP/1/Res.8 of 9 September 2002 on the provisional arrangements for the secretariat of the Assembly of States Parties,

Having decided in its resolution ICC-ASP/2/Res.___¹ to establish the secretariat of the Assembly,

1. *Requests* the Registrar to establish a trust fund under the authority of the secretariat of the Assembly for the participation of the least developed countries in the work of the Assembly and its subsidiary bodies, and calls upon States, international organizations, individuals, corporations and other entities to contribute voluntarily to the fund;

2. *Decides* to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to close the special fund established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/207 of 17 December 1996, the mandate of which was expanded by General Assembly resolutions 53/105 of 8 December 1998 and 57/23 of 19 November 2002, and to take the necessary steps to facilitate the transfer, as appropriate, of any funds remaining to the trust fund established pursuant to the present resolution.

¹ See ICC-ASP/2/L.5.