

RC-1/9: Arrangements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the performance of the secretariat functions for the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Noting with appreciation the excellent cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the effective and efficient Secretariat arrangements for the joint programme for the operation of the prior informed consent procedure, the intergovernmental negotiation process and during the interim period between the adoption of the Convention and its entry into force,

Aware that its decision regarding the physical location of the secretariat will have a decisive impact on the arrangements for the provision of the secretariat that, as provided by paragraph 3 of article 19 of the Convention, are to be agreed on between the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and approved by the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to make arrangements for the performance of the Secretariat functions, possibly based on the same elements as in the earlier arrangements, and to present it to the Conference of the Parties for consideration and approval, if possible, at its second meeting;

2. *Also invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to continue to perform the secretariat functions for the Convention based on the existing arrangements until the Conference of the Parties has approved the new arrangements.

3. *Invites* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to appoint an Executive Secretary in consultation with the Conference of the Parties through the Bureau.
