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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism

<u>Draft decision submitted by Mr. Erwin Ortíz-Gandarillas (Bolivia)</u>
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The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

<u>Having considered</u> at its eighth session the question of the identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism:

- (a) $\underline{\text{Invites}}$ members of the Committee, as well as regional and other groups, to submit to the interim secretariat by 1 May 1996 written comments on the functions of the Global Mechanism and the criteria for selection of an institution to house it;
- (b) <u>Requests</u> the interim secretariat to compile for consideration at the ninth session of the Committee the submissions referred to in paragraph (a) as well as comments on this question made by delegations and groups of delegations at the eighth session and any additional information received from relevant institutions;
- (c) <u>Also requests</u> the interim secretariat to prepare for the ninth session a preliminary negotiating text on the functions of the Global Mechanism and the criteria for selection of an institution to house it.