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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Identification of an organization to house the Global Mechanism

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

The International Negotiating Committee,

1. <u>Approves</u> the text in annex I to this decision on the functions of the Global Mechanism and the criteria for selecting an institution to house it;

2. <u>Decides</u> to transmit the text in annex I to this decision to the first session of the Conference of the Parties;

3. <u>Invites</u> the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to submit to the interim secretariat, by 1 May 1997, revised versions of their offers to house the Global Mechanism, as contained in document A/AC.241/33, including the proposed administrative operations of such Mechanism, taking full account of annex I to this decision;

4. <u>Requests</u> the interim secretariat to compile the submissions from IFAD and UNDP in a document to be presented to the first session of the Conference of the Parties.

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