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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of Working Group II

Committee on Science and Technology: reports on modalities and timing of future work on inventories of research, traditional and local technology, knowledge, know-how and practices and on establishment of research priorities

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee,

Taking note of the report contained in document A/AC.241/66,

1. <u>Invites</u> interested members of the Committee to submit to the interim secretariat by 17 March 1997 suggestions on the modalities and timing of the work of the Committee on Science and Technology on:

- (i) Inventories of research, traditional and local technology, knowledge, know-how and practices; and
- (ii) Research priorities;

2. <u>Requests</u> the interim secretariat, drawing on the submissions received pursuant to the previous paragraph, to submit an expanded report on the subject, including modalities and timing, for consideration by the first session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

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