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REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. At its seventh meeting, the Conference of the Parties, in paragraph 6 of decision VII/33, invited the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Executive Secretary of the Convention to review and revise the administrative arrangements between UNEP and the Secretariat of the Convention and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting.
2. Pursuant to decision VII/33, the new Executive Secretary, immediately upon assuming his responsibilities, submitted to the Executive Director of UNEP, on 5 January 2006, a draft of revised administrative arrangements for UNEP review and comments. The changes proposed by the Executive Secretary are aimed at adjusting the arrangements with the latest developments within the Convention process and the United Nations system, including decision VI/29 regarding the upgrading of the post of the Executive Secretary to the level of Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations; procedures relating to personnel appointments within the United Nations system; the trust funds under the Convention; and the procurement of goods and services.
3. In a response dated 30 January 2006, the Executive Director of UNEP noted that whereas there was a need to comply with decision VII/33 the exercise of review and revision entailed both administrative and strategic implications for the overall arrangements between UNEP and UNEP-administered conventions. Therefore, in order to ensure that the new arrangements fully reflected these strategic considerations, the Executive Director informed that he had requested the UNEP Division of Environmental Conventions, in close cooperation with the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the Programme Coordination and Monitoring Unit and convention secretariats, to undertake an analytical review of the existing administrative arrangements between UNEP and convention secretariats and to make proposals on the way forward. He further proposed that the issue be considered by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.
4. In light of the foregoing, the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting may wish to take note of the ongoing review and revision of the administrative arrangements and decide to consider the issue at its ninth meeting.

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