

**Decision 17/COP.2**

Survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions,  
agencies and bodies

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* the requirements of article 25 of the Convention,

*Bearing in mind* its decision 23/COP.1,

*Noting* the necessary contractual arrangements entered into by the head of the secretariat with the United Nations Environment Programme on behalf of the Conference of the Parties for the completion of the work on the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

*Noting also* the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme in its work on the survey and evaluation of existing networks, institutions, agencies and bodies,

1. *Requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to expedite this process in conformity with the mandate given to it by the Conference of the Parties at its first session, and to submit a report to the Conference of the Parties at its third session;

2. *Further requests* the United Nations Environment Programme to submit a methodology for carrying out the second and third phases of the survey and evaluation for consideration by the Committee on Science and Technology at its third session in conformity with decision 23/COP.1, annex.

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