

I. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES¹

Decision 1/COP.2

Ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 4 of the Convention, related to the convening of ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties,

Bearing in mind that the Conference of the Parties should adopt the budget during its ordinary sessions,

1. *Decides* that the fifth ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties shall take place in the year 2001, and that thereafter ordinary sessions shall be held every two years;

2. *Decides also* that the sixth ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in the year 2003;

3. *Invites* the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for the forthcoming ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with this decision and relevant provisions of the Convention.

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11 December 1998*

¹ For decisions of the Conference of the Parties at its first session, see document ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1.