

Decision 6/COP.5

Consideration of the regional coordination units initiative

The Conference of the Parties,

Recognizing the importance of regional approaches and coordination in the implementation of the Convention, and the value of efforts at the regional level currently identified as the "regional coordination units" initiative,

Noting that this effort has not been considered by the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* to include on the agenda of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties an item on the need for, modalities for, costs involved, and feasibility and possible terms of reference of the regional coordination units;

2. *Decides also* that until this item is considered by the Conference of the Parties, funding for this initiative shall continue to be drawn from the Supplementary Fund;

3. *Invites* developed countries and multilateral agencies to contribute on a voluntary basis to the Supplementary Fund for the regional coordination units initiative;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a background document to facilitate consideration of this agenda item.

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12 October 2001*