DETERMINATION OF THE TIME AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

1. By Note of 8 September 1986 sent through the diplomatic channel, the Secretariat informed all Parties that, should they wish to offer to host the 1989 meeting of the Conference of the Parties, "a formal offer should be made at the Ottawa meeting by their representative authorized to do so".

2. In addition the Secretariat requested the Parties to give it notice of their intent in order to provide the Secretariat with an opportunity to discuss in advance the details and implications of such an offer.

3. At the time of the drafting of this document, the following Parties have indicated their intention to offer hosting the 1989 meeting of the Conference of Parties:

   Bolivia
   Guinea
   Hungary
   Indonesia
   Israel
   Jordan
   Netherlands
   Portugal
   Rwanda
   Zimbabwe

4. Of these offers, provisional in certain cases, the Secretariat wishes to make the following comments:

   a) Israel and Zimbabwe have both made very substantial and detailed submissions to the Secretariat, which indicated that all facilities exist to arrange a successful meeting. Both Parties are aware of the financial commitments.

   b) The Secretariat also visited the facilities offered by Hungary, the Netherlands, Rwanda and Zimbabwe and concluded that facilities exist to arrange a successful meeting in any of these countries. In addition, discussion took place with these four Parties with respect to the financial commitment expected from the host government.
c) Despite a formal invitation to the Secretariat from the Government of Jordan for the purpose of discussing the implications of the offer, it has not been possible, for financial reasons, for the Secretariat to visit Jordan.

d) While little is known to the Secretariat of the offers made by Bolivia, Guinea, Indonesia, Jordan and Portugal, this does not mean that facilities do not exist for the arrangement of a successful meeting. However, Parties should be reminded that proper facilities and accommodations, and financial commitment by the host government are two prerequisites for a successful meeting.

5. For each Party wishing to make a presentation during the Ottawa meeting in support of its offer, the Secretariat will upon request arrange appropriate facilities (excluding interpretation) for a 30 minute period outside of the regular sessions. Such Parties are invited to bring audio-visual material (such as films, videos, slides, etc.) for use in their presentations.