

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Directed to the Parties:

- 15.XX Parties who are in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the Convention are urged:
- a) to clear all outstanding arrears without delay; and
 - b) if unable to clear all outstanding arrears, to enter into arrangements with the Secretariat to mutually agree on a "schedule of payments".

Directed to the Standing Committee:

- 15XX The Standing Committee is mandated to monitor the payments of contributions from Parties in arrears and to assist the Secretariat in ensuring that future contributions are paid by the due date.

Directed to the Secretariat:

- 15.XX The Secretariat shall continue to monitor Parties who are in arrears of the payment of their financial contributions to the Convention by:
- a) sending reminders twice yearly, with copies to the permanent missions in Geneva;
 - b) visiting the permanent missions in Geneva of the Parties in arrears for three or more years; and
 - c) seeking assistance from regional representatives to the Standing Committee in following up with Parties concerned.
- 15.XX The Secretariat shall consider the reasons for which Parties are in arrears with regard to their contributions and assist the Parties concerned on an individual basis to facilitate the payment of outstanding contributions.