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RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED BY THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON IMPLEMENTATION

2/20. Trust fund for facilitating the participation of Parties in the Convention process: allocation of resources and possibilities of engaging the private sector

The Subsidiary Body on Implementation

1. *Notes* the analysis of the contributions to the BZ Trust Fund and of the level of participation of developing countries in the meetings of the Convention and its Protocols;
2. *Notes also* that current trends in the level of funding and participation could have implications for the operations and legitimacy of the Convention and its Protocols;
3. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its fourteenth meeting adopt a decision along the following lines:

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Invites* developed country Parties and other Parties in a position to do so, including in the context of the South-South cooperation, to increase their contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in order to enable the full and effective participation of representatives of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, as well as countries with economies in transition;
 2. *Recalls* paragraph 31 of decision [IX/34](#), and *requests* the Executive Secretary, when allocating the funding from the BZ Trust Fund, to continue to accord first priority to funding for least developed countries and small island developing States;
 3. *Takes note* of the various existing guidelines for the engagement of the private sector with the United Nations system;
 4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to keep under review the experience of other conventions and United Nations processes (a) with respect to the funding of the participation of eligible developing country Parties, including the least developed countries and small island developing States and Parties with economies in transition, (b) in engaging the private sector to contribute to funds for the participation of delegates from developing countries in their meetings, and (c) to inform the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties of further developments in this respect.
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