

DECISIONS OF THE 1ST GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Decision I/1

Institutional Arrangements

The Governing Council,

Mindful of the practical exigencies of the establishment of the Task Force and the commencement of its operation.

1. Authorizes its Bureau, elected pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure, to exercise decision-making powers on substantive issues related to the establishment and operation of the Task force, including the appointment of Field Officers, revision of the staff chart of the Task force, distribution of funds within the approved budget of the Task Force and provisional determination of the budgetary allocation due and payable by any new Party to the Agreement;
2. Requests the Bureau, in discharging its functions under paragraph 1 above, to consult as appropriate specialists provided for in Article 7, paragraph 2 (c), of the Lusaka Agreement;
3. Decides that such decisions of the Bureau will be applied on a provisional basis and are subject to endorsement by the Governing Council at its next regular meeting;
4. Requests the Bureau, in taking decisions pursuant to paragraphs 1 and 3 above, to consult with other members of the Governing Council as may be feasible and appropriate.

Decision I/2

Development of National Bureaus under the Lusaka Agreement

The Governing Council,

Cognizant that the Parties would be unable to fulfill their obligations under the Lusaka Agreement without effectively functional National Bureaus,

Recognizing the priority need for rapid progress by some Parties to develop their National Bureaus with trained personnel into efficiently working entities,

1. Recommends that:
 - (a) Parties still preparing, or in the process of forming, their National Bureaus as soon as possible assign three selected officers for training at the National Bureaus of countries where such Bureaus operate efficiently;
 - (b) Parties whose officers are in need of such training where necessary approach donor States or other organizations for assistance to meet the expenses needed to secure such training;
2. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue assisting the Parties to the Lusaka Agreement in soliciting donor funding for training activities required by the Parties to the Lusaka Agreement.

Decision I/3

Cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme

The Governing Council,

Recalling with appreciation the catalytic and facilitative role played by the United Nations Environment Programme in the process of negotiating and concluding the Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora and in providing interim arrangements for the initial stage of its implementation,

1. Requests the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to support the Lusaka and the bodies established thereunder, in particular, with advisory and consultative services;
2. Further requests the Executive Director to ensure that the relevant United Nations Environment Programme activities closely monitor and take fully into account the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement and consider possible joint actions and programmatic support;
3. Also requests the Executive Director to continue to solicit from donors additional financial resources for the Lusaka Agreement to ensure the expeditious and effective commencement of its operation;
4. Requests the Executive Director to negotiate on behalf of the Parties to the Lusaka Agreement a headquarters agreement with the country hosting the Task Force in the negotiation of other agreements.

Decision I/4

Budget for the Task Force for its first year operation and contributions from Parties

The Governing Council,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 3, of the Lusaka Agreement, which calls upon the Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme to convene the meeting of the Governing Council,

Recalling further Article 7, paragraph 6 (e), of the Lusaka Agreement, in accordance with which the Governing Council at its first meeting shall consider and approve the initial budget to establish and operate the Task Force and agree upon the contributions of each Party to the budget,

Having studied and revised the draft review prepared by government experts on the indicative budget prepared and agreed upon during the second negotiation sessions leading to the adoption of the Lusaka Agreement in May – June 1994,¹

1. Decides to approve, based on an initial five Parties, a budget of 1,165,000 United States dollars the details of which are attached as annex V to the report of the first meeting of the Governing Council, for the first year of the Task Force operation;

2. Decides further that each Party will contribute equal amount of funds to the annual budget of the Task Force;
3. Decides and calls upon each new Party to the Lusaka Agreement to contribute on an equal basis to the annual budget of the Task Force commencing from the financial year in which they become Parties calculated on a prorated basis from the time of their effective membership during the first year, thus increasing the approved budget accordingly;
4. Encourages the Parties and non-Parties to the Lusaka Agreement to continue to make voluntary contributions to the activities of the Task Force.

Decision I/5

Extrabudgetary resources

The Governing Council,

Recalling Article 8, paragraph 3, of the Lusaka Agreement, in accordance with which the first Governing Council meeting shall determine the mode of payment and currencies of contributions by the Parties to the budget of the Task Force,

Mindful that other resources of the Task Force may include extrabudgetary resources such as grants, donations, funds for projects and programmes and technical assistance,

1. Expresses its profound appreciation of donor support for the interim implementation of the Lusaka Agreement and, in particular, the contributions made by the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in terms of both logistical and financial support;
2. Calls upon the donor community to continue to provide additional resources to assist in the implementation of the Lusaka Agreement;
3. Urges the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to solicit funds from donors to contribute in the initial implementation of the Agreement.