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DECISIONS BY THE 8<sup>TH</sup> GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE LUSAKA  
AGREEMENT

DECISION VIII/I

LATF STRATEGIC PLAN (2005-2015)

The 8<sup>th</sup> Governing Council,

**Having met** at the Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya on 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2006 to review and monitor the implementation of the Agreement and the institutions established under it as well as review budgets and financial management of the Task Force;

**Having considered** the proposed ten-year *Strategic Plan* (2005 to 2015) and the corresponding budget of US\$ 11,583,152 that was presented, discussed and approved, on a provisional basis by the Bureau of the 7<sup>th</sup> Governing Council in July 2005;

**Further considering** the importance of the Strategic Plan in effectively guiding the programmes of work for the Task Force;

**Acknowledging** the role played by UNEP and the support given by the Parties and their Experts as well as other relevant stakeholders in the entire process of developing the Strategic Plan;

**Further acknowledging** the efforts made by some Party States to pay their full contributions and part of their dues to the budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force;

**Taking note** that the Task Force has already commenced implementation of the Strategic Plan with satisfactory results;

1. **Approves** the Strategic Plan and its corresponding budgets for the ten-year period 2005-2015;
2. **Directs** the Director of the Task Force to continue drawing up the annual work programmes and budgets based on the Strategic Plan;
3. **Urges** the Parties to support the implementation of the activities as enunciated in the Strategic Plan and to comply with their financial obligations to the Agreement on a timely basis;
4. **Expresses** its deep appreciation to the Executive Director of UNEP for supporting the development of the Strategic Plan and other activities of the Agreement;

5. **Requests** the Executive Director of UNEP to continue supporting the implementation of the LATF Strategic Plan;
6. **Directs** the Director to report on the progress of the implementation of this Decision to each Governing Council meeting in the future.

## **DECISION VIII/II**

### **PROGRAMME OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR THE TASK FORCE**

**Having** reviewed the progress made by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force on the implementation of its Programme of Work and the Decisions of the Governing Council;

**Taking note** that the Lusaka Agreement Task Force made progress in its implementation of the planned and approved activities during the period January 2005 to September 2006 as presented by its Director in document LATF/LAGC/Exp/8.3 entitled "*LATF Progress and Implementation Reports*";

**Further taking note** of the Audit Reports for the financial years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006;

**Acknowledging** the need to appoint competent auditors to audit the financial statements of the Task Force;

**Considering** the proposed *Programme of the Work and Budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force* for the Financial Year 2006/2007 presented by its Director and discussed by the Experts' group meeting;

**Acknowledging** that the Proposed Programme of Work and Budgets are in line with the Strategic Plan;

1. **Appreciates** the positive progress made by the Lusaka Agreement Task Force in the implementation of its Programme of Work and the Decisions of the 7<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting;
2. **Directs** the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to continue implementing the Programme of work based on the approved Strategic Plan;
3. **Approves** the proposed Programme of Work and its corresponding Budget of US\$ 1,073,156 for the Lusaka Agreement of Task Force for the financial year 2006/2007;
4. **Further approves** the assessed contribution by each Party State to the budget of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force for the financial year 2006/2007 at US\$ 125,202;



5. **Directs** the Bureau of the Governing Council to continue exercising decision making powers on substantive issues related to Programmes of Work and Budgets for the Task Force;
6. **Further** directs the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to report on the implementation of this decision to the next meeting of the Bureau of the Governing Council and subsequently to the 9<sup>th</sup> Governing Council meeting;
7. **Approves the** Audit Report for the Financial Year 2005/2006 and further directs the Bureau of the Governing Council to continue appointing auditors as appropriate.

### **DECISION VIII/III**

#### **FINANCIAL STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS AND STAFFING LEVELS**

**Considering** the Proposals presented by the Director of the Task Force;

**Acknowledging** that the proposals are in line with the Strategic Plan as well as the Proposed Programme of work of the Task Force;

**Taking note** of the proposal by the Director of the Task Force to develop funding strategies to support the budgets of the Task Force;

**Having considered** the proposal made by the Director of the Task Force on the new partnership arrangement with UNEP and INECE;

**Further considering** the proposal for establishing staffing levels and Organization Structure for the Task Force;

1. **Urges** the Party States to take measures to mainstream the Lusaka Agreement activities and factor the statutory contributions to the Task Force into their National budgets as a mechanism to ensure, among others, their obligations to the Lusaka Agreement are fulfilled;
2. **Calls upon** the Bureau of the Governing Council to rigorously undertake fund raising initiatives;
3. **Further calls upon** the Bureau to continue with the effort of developing and supervising the implementation of the contingency plans and strategies on payment of arrears by the Parties;
4. **Approves** the proposal for partnership arrangements between LATF, UNEP and INECE;

5. **Further directs** the Director of the Task Force to incorporate the observations of the Parties into the proposed staffing levels and organization structure of the Task Force and submit it to the Bureau of the 8<sup>th</sup> Governing Council for approval and urges its Bureau to regularly monitor its implementation subject to financial availability;
6. **Directs** the Director to report the progress on the implementation of this Decision to the Governing Council.

Signed after adoption by:

Hon. Raphael Muriungi (MP) ..... *R. Muriungi* ..... Date *6th October, 2006*

For: Minister for Tourism and Wildlife of the Republic of Kenya and President of the 8th Lusaka Agreement Governing Council.

Hon. Anthony Diallo (MP) ..... *A. Diallo* ..... Date *06th October, 2006*

Minister for Natural Resources and Tourism, The United Republic of Tanzania and Vice President of the 8<sup>th</sup> Lusaka Agreement Governing Council.

Hon. Henri Djombo (MP) ..... *H. Djombo* ..... Date *06th October 2006*

Minister for Forest Economy and Environment, Republic of Congo and Rapporteur of the 8<sup>th</sup> Lusaka Agreement Governing Council