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MESSAGE TO PARTIES

Message by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation pertaining to the consideration of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

I am pleased to convey to the Parties to the Convention a message by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, contained in the annex to this note.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

Christiana Figueres

Distribution: To Parties through national focal points for climate change and diplomatic missions accredited to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Annex

Message by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation pertaining to the consideration of the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013

Dear colleagues,

The Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its 34th session, scheduled to be held in June 2011, will consider the programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013.

The Executive Secretary has made a comprehensive budget proposal that respects the budgetary constraints faced by Parties and indicates efforts by the Executive Secretary to increase the efficiency of the secretariat in order to limit increases in core budget requirements. However, it clearly shows the increasing workload resulting from the mandates given to the secretariat by Parties and clarifies what can and what cannot be done within the current level of resources.

The proposed budget amounts to a 15 % increase compared to the current biennium and reflects the significant new work for the secretariat resulting from the Cancun Agreements and decisions taken in fulfillment of the Bali Road Map.

I will propose to the SBI in June to establish a contact group under my chairmanship with a view to reaching agreement among Parties on the level of core budget resources required to ensure that the secretariat is able to fully support them in their efforts to address climate change.

As in the past, our discussions should focus on the main policy issues, including:

1. The overall level of resources required;
2. A balanced approach of activities to be funded from the core budget and activities to be funded from other sources;
3. The priorities of the intergovernmental process.

I am conscious of the need to avoid micro-management, while at the same time recognizing the responsibility of Parties to provide guidance on priorities. It is crucial that the deliberations on the budget be concluded in June, as in past years, so that time is freed up for other issues later in the year.

I would encourage all Parties to provide early feedback on the proposed budget and approach and to submit any views and/or questions to me directly or via the secretariat.

Signed:

Mr. Robert Owen-Jones
Chair of the SBI