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Reports

IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING RESOLUTIONS (DECISION 11.136)

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.

2. Decision 11.136 states that:

"The Secretariat shall analyse all information that it receives from the Parties regarding problems in the implementation of existing Resolutions and shall prepare a document for the first meeting of the Standing Committee in 2001, outlining its findings and proposing solutions where appropriate."

3. This Decision was adopted following the distribution of Notification to the Parties No. 1999/87 in which the Secretariat sought information from the Parties about Resolutions that were not implemented at the national level or that were difficult to implement.

4. In fact only three Parties responded to this request. This response rate provides too little information to allow a meaningful analysis. Consequently, the Secretariat proposes to conduct its own review of the Resolutions and to use its conclusions, together with comments that have been received from the Parties, as the basis for proposing amendments to the Resolutions.

5. This work would be a follow up to the process of consolidation of Resolutions, which is now almost complete. It should be recalled that the process of consolidation involved the putting together the existing Resolutions that dealt with a single subject, while eliminating duplications and discrepancies, and otherwise making the minimum changes.

6. What needs to be done now is to review the substance of the Resolutions more closely, to consider whether each one continues to serve a useful purpose. The Secretariat proposes to consider every Resolution individually in the light of the experience of the past 25 years of implementation of the Convention and to propose to the Conference of the Parties amendments in order to: clarify parts that are unclear; solve current problems with implementation of the Resolutions; and eliminate parts that are no longer necessary.

7. The Secretariat would not expect to involve the Standing Committee in reviewing the draft resolutions prepared, unless it expresses a wish to be involved, but would of course expect to consult with Parties that are concerned about particular problems. It will therefore inform the Parties of the Resolutions that are being considered for amendment, to seek expressions of interest from those who wish to be consulted.