

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Cape Town, South Africa, 16 November 1999

1. On Tuesday, 16 November 1999, the Standing Committee held its 21st meeting at the Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset West, Cape Town, following the closure of the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. The brief meeting was attended by
 - a. representatives of the following full members of the committee, who had been elected to serve by the COP and the Depositary:

Belgium, Poland, Uruguay, Philippines, Pakistan, South Africa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany
 - b. by the following alternate members:

Monaco, Ukraine, Australia, Sri Lanka, Kenya, Morocco
 - c. by the following observers:

The Chairman of the Scientific Council, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, UNON and UNEP, and
 - d. by the Executive Secretary and Deputy Executive Secretary who provided secretariat services
3. The Philippines, representing Oceania, was elected to the Chair of the Standing Committee, and Belgium, representing the Western European region to the Vice Chair.
4. It was agreed to convene the twenty-second meeting of the Standing Committee in the latter half of the year 2000 and the invitation of the Government of Germany to host the meeting was accepted with appreciation.
5. There being no other business, the Chair brought proceedings to a close.