

Annex X

**DECISION 2001/6 ON THE FACILITATION OF PARTICIPATION OF COUNTRIES  
WITH ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION**

1. Broad participation by Parties in the activities under the Executive Body is essential to ensure progress in the work under the Convention. To facilitate the participation of certain countries with economies in transition which would otherwise not be in a position to take part, Parties are invited to contribute temporarily to the Trust Fund for this purpose.
2. The secretariat is authorized to fund, subject to available resources, the participation of one governmentally designated representative from each of the following countries: Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine and Yugoslavia, to meetings of the Executive Body's three main subsidiary bodies, giving highest priority to negotiating groups and other relevant meetings directly linked to preparatory or ongoing negotiations. Upon their accession to the Convention and their expressed intention to take part in the work of the Executive Body, the following countries may also qualify for funding: Albania, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. First-time participation of new Parties at a session of the Executive Body could be eligible for funding.
3. Participation in other meetings may qualify for funding at the discretion of the Bureau of the Executive Body provided funds are available.
4. To make efficient use of the limited funds available for travel, Parties are encouraged, to the extent possible, to finance their own participation in the activities under the Convention.
5. The countries mentioned in paragraph 2 above that have applied for membership of the European Union and/or the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) are, in principle, expected to finance their own participation, and should only exceptionally make use of this extraordinary offer.
6. The secretariat is authorized to decide, in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Body, on the extent of funding (travel and/or daily subsistence allowance, or lump sum), on the basis of available funds and forecasts for requests and contributions for each year, and taking due account of United Nations regulations.