

Decision -/CP.22

Financial and budgetary matters

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision 12/CP.15, table 2, in relation to the possible upgrading of the position of Assistant Secretary-General to Under-Secretary-General and the possible upgrading of one position from D-2 to Assistant Secretary-General level,

Also recalling decision 22/CP.21 on the programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's proposal to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties made in February 2016 to upgrade the position of Executive Secretary from Assistant Secretary-General to Under-Secretary-General,

Noting that the Bureau welcomed and endorsed the proposal of the Secretary-General,

Taking note of the Secretary-General's decision to upgrade one of the D-2 positions included in the approved staffing table to the level of Assistant Secretary-General to serve as Deputy Executive Secretary and to implement this decision once the new Executive Secretary assumes office,

1. *Approves* that the upgrade of the current Assistant Secretary-General position to the level of Under-Secretary-General be reflected in the approved staffing table for the biennium 2016–2017;
2. *Decides* that any additional costs resulting from the approval in paragraph 1 above and the upgrading of a D-2 position will be absorbed from existing resources available under the approved programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;
3. *Also decides* that one of the three D-2 positions contained in the approved staffing table for the biennium 2016–2017 shall be abolished as soon as the Deputy Executive Secretary assumes office at the level of Assistant Secretary-General.
