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**Seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the IAI  
Merida, Mexico  
27-28 July 2000**

**Action List Day 1: 27 July 2000**

**Decisions**

**Decision VII/1**

1 The Conference of the Parties (CoP) elected the Bureau of its Seventh Meeting: Francisco Giner de los Rios from Mexico as Chair, Gonzalo Menéndez from Panama as Vice-Chair, and Bárbara Garea from Cuba as Second Vice-Chair.

**Decision VII/2**

2 The CoP approved the agenda of its Seventh Meeting without any modifications (document: 2\_CoPVII/DWD/July 10, 2000).

**Decision VII/3**

3 The CoP approved the Report of its Sixth Meeting without any modifications (document: 4\_ECXI/CoPVII/DWD/July 15, 2000).

**Decision VII/4**

4 The CoP urged the Parties to take the necessary and appropriate official diplomatic channels to ratify the Amendment related to Article XIII, Financial Provisions, Section 1 of the Agreement Establishing the IAI (Resolution 7 of the Conference of the Parties VI, June 17-18, 1999, Ottawa, Canada). **(Resolution #1 – CoP-VII)**

**Decision VII/5**

5 The CoP approved the nomination of a representative from Mexico as a member of the IAI Financial and Administrative Working Group. The delegate from Mexico will inform the IAI Director about the name of the person from Mexico, who will participate in the working group.

**Decision VII/6**

6 The CoP approved the document "IAI Conflict of Interest and Standards of Ethical Conduct" (19\_ECXI/DWD/June 8, 2000) **(Resolution #2 – CoP-VII)** and requested that the IAI Director:

- Inform the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) about the approval of this new Resolution;
- Produce a document, which includes all permanent Resolutions approved by the CoP;
- Include on the IAI website electronic versions of "The Agreement Establishing the IAI" (in all 4 official languages), and all Resolutions approved by the EC and the CoP. In addition, the CoP requested that the Standing Rules Committee review the various Resolutions approved by the CoP and recommend the appropriate procedure to follow after the approval of each Resolution.

**Decision VII/7**

7 The CoP requested that IAI Director to invite IAI member countries to review the Agreement and Rules of Procedure of the EC and the CoP with a view to reconfirm them or to update them to meet the needs of the second decade of IAI operations.

#### **Decision VII/8**

8 The CoP authorized the EC to launch an announcement of opportunity, which meets the recommendations of the SAC, in case new or extra funds become available between now and the next time the CoP holds its next meeting. **(Resolution #3 – CoP-VII)**.

#### **Decision VII/9**

9 The CoP approved the concepts outlined in the draft of the document “Vision and Strategy of the IAI for the Years Ahead” (18\_ECXI/CoPVII/DWD/July 7, 2000), and approved the participation of the delegate from Canada, Gordon McBean, as part of the group in charge of further developing this document.

### **Action List Day 1: 28 July 2000**

#### **Decision VII/10**

10 The Conference of the Parties (CoP) approved the creation of a Review Committee to conduct the External Evaluation of IAI in 2002. The composition of this Committee will be established at the meeting of the CoP-VIII in 2001. **(Resolution #4 – CoP-VII)**

#### **Decision VII/11**

11 The CoP authorized the IAI Director to invite the following persons to be part of the working group in charge of the preparation of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the External Evaluation of IAI: Gordon McBean from Canada, Federico Garcia Brum from Uruguay (former EC Chair), Ruben Lara from Mexico (former SAC member), and Maximiliano Campos from Costa Rica. This Committee will report to the next EC meeting from planned approval of the TOR at the CoP-VIII in 2001.

#### **Decision VII/12**

12 The CoP approved the Level of Voluntary Contributions of Member Countries for the Fiscal Years 2000/2001, 2001/2001, and 2002/2003 (document: 15\_ECXI/CoPVII/DWD/July 7, 2000) **(Resolution #5 – CoP-VII)**

#### **Decision VII/13**

13 The CoP approved the Annual Program for the year 2000/2001 presented by the IAI Director (document: 16\_CoPVII/DWD/July 10, 2000). **(Resolution #6 – CoP-VII)**

#### **Decision VII/14**

14 The CoP approved the Core Budget request for the Fiscal Year 2000/2001 (document: 15\_ECXI/CoPVII/DWD/July 7, 2000).

#### **Decision VII/15**

15 The CoP approved the nomination of CATHALAC (Centro del Agua del Trópico Húmedo para América Latina y el Caribe) and CIESIN (Center for International Earth Science Information Network) to become Associate Institutions of the IAI and authorized the IAI Director to officially invite these institutions and prepare an agreement with each one outlining the areas of common interest. **(Resolutions #7 and #8 – CoP-VII)**

- The CoP also requested that the IAI Director conduct preliminary negotiations with institutions interested in becoming Associated or Affiliated to the IAI and submit background information prior to the CoP meeting to facilitate the analysis by the country representatives in preparation for the CoP meeting.

- The CoP also requested that the Standing Rules Committee prepare draft procedures for institutions, organizations and/or states outside the region to follow in order to become Associated or Affiliated to the IAI. The CoP recommended that procedures be as flexible as possible in order to strengthen the relationship of the IAI with other organizations.

#### **Decision VII/16**

16 The CoP elected the following new members of the IAI Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC): Dr. Walter Fernandez Rojas and Dr. Omar Raúl Masera Cerutti.

#### **Decision VII/17**

17 The CoP elected the following member countries to compose the IAI Executive Council for the period of July 2000 to June 2002: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, United States and Uruguay. In addition, Antônio MacDowell from Brazil was elected as the EC Chair, Margaret Leinen from USA was elected as the EC First-Vice Chair, and Bárbara Garea from Cuba was elected as the EC Second-Vice Chair.

#### **Decision VII/18**

18 The CoP requested that the Standing Rules Committee define the roles of the EC Vice-Chairs and present those roles at the next EC meeting.

#### **Decision VII/19**

19 The CoP approved the period of the new EC Bureau, starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, and expiring at the CoP meeting of year 2002.

#### **Decision VII/20**

20 The Action List of July 27, 2000 (day 1) was approved with no modification.

#### **Decision VII/21**

21 The CoP approved the initial offer made by the delegate of Panama, Gonzalo Menéndez, to host the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IAI EC and the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IAI CoP in June 2001.

#### **Decision VII/22**

22 The CoP also welcomed the offer made by the delegate of Cuba, Bárbara Garea, to host the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IAI EC between November and December 2001.