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Decisions of the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea

Having met in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 23-25 May 2007, at its first Meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea (Tehran Convention) has decided as follows:

- I. To adopt the Rules of Procedure of the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.
- II. To adopt the Financial Rules of the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea, and to request the interim Secretariat to prepare a Convention budget which would ensure the appropriate implementation of the Tehran Convention's provisions and the functioning of the Secretariat to be further reviewed and decided upon at the second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties
- III. To adopt the Programme of Work for the period of June 2007 – May 2008.
- IV. To invite UNEP to continue the functions of the Convention Secretariat ad interim until a permanent Secretariat has been put in place.
- V. To finalize all [pending decisions] on institutional arrangements for the Tehran Convention at the second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- VI. To decide to collectively commit an amount of \$ 360,000 (\$ 72,000 per country) as their estimated annual contribution to the budget of the Tehran Convention for the first budget year.
- VII. To express gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the organization of the first Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea.
- VIII. To decide that the second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in the first half of 2008 in the I.R. of Iran.

* The document is revised on the basis of written submissions of the State Parties to the Tehran Convention, received by the interim Secretariat. The amendments are underlined for easy reference.