

**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**

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**Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan**

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 for the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea and to request the interim Secretariat to include the issue in the agenda of Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
- II. To adopt the Financial Rules of the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea. To request the interim Secretariat to prepare budget proposals for the second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties for the first financial period.
- 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 continue further discussions on institutional arrangements of the Convention at the second and subsequent Meetings of the Conference of the Parties in view to finalize and reach consensus on these issues.
- VI. To collectively provide an amount of \$ 360,000 to the budget of the Tehran Convention for the year 2009 (\$ 72,000 as contribution per each Party).
- 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 hold the second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the first half of 2008 in the I.R of Iran.