

**CIEL Intervention on Finances (resolution II/3 of ICCM2)- given by David Azoulay, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL), Switzerland**

We understand that a number of delegates have expressed concern that discussing the future of SAICM financial arrangements would be in contradiction with the procedure adopted in resolution II/3 of ICCM2.

Our understanding of article 17 of resolution II/3 of ICCM2 differs from what has been expressed so far. This article does request that the QSP executive board report on its effectiveness and the efficiency of its implementation and make recommendations in the light of its findings for the consideration of the Conference at its third session.

However, the resolution does not give an exclusive mandate to the QSP executive board and does not impede such a discussion to happen here in the Open-Ended Working Group nor does it prevent the OEWG to make direct recommendations to ICCM3 (and to the executive board of the QSP itself).

Given the importance of the issue for the very future of SAICM and for its capacity to reach the objectives set out in DUBAI in 2006, we recommend that a contact group be established in accordance with the mandate proposed by the African group and GRULAC region.