

Decision 13/COP.2

Roster of independent experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Having reviewed the proposed roster of independent experts¹ prepared by the secretariat of the Convention in accordance with decision 19/COP.1 based on submissions from Parties through diplomatic channels,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the secretariat to ensure that the roster is available in electronic form as well as through the regular channels of the United Nations system,

1. *Invites* Parties to supplement their submissions to the secretariat for inclusion in the roster to ensure that under-represented areas are addressed, in particular by:

(a) Making the roster more balanced in terms of gender equity;

(b) Ensuring better representation of relevant disciplines, particularly in the areas of anthropology and sociology, health sciences, legislation, microbiology and trade;

(c) Increasing representation of experts from international and non-governmental organizations;

2. *Also invites* Parties which have not yet submitted nominations of experts for the roster including full addresses to do so;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to ensure that an updated roster is made available in electronic form as appropriate;

4. *Further requests* the secretariat to distribute a paper copy of the roster to Parties on an annual basis.

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¹ ICCD/COP(2)/11 and Add.1.