

Decision 19/COP.1

Roster of Independent Experts

The Conference of the Parties,

Having reviewed the proposed roster of independent experts (ICCD/COP(1)/6 and Add.1) prepared by the Permanent Secretariat of the Convention in accordance with decision 10/11 based on submissions from Parties by diplomatic channels,

1. Requests Parties to supplement their submissions to the Permanent 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 representation;

(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 non-governmental and international organizations;

2. Also requests Parties who have not yet submitted experts for the roster to do so as a matter of urgency;

3. Requests the Permanent Secretariat to ensure that the roster be made available in electronic form, as well as through the regular channels of the United Nations system, for the purpose of facilitating the exchange of information;

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