

**Decision 20/COP.4**Resolution of questions of implementation,  
arbitration and conciliation procedures**A. Resolution of questions of implementation**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

Recalling article 27 of the Convention, which states that the Conference of the Parties shall consider and adopt procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions that may arise with regard to the implementation of the Convention,

Recalling also decision 20/COP.3,

1. *Decides*, in accordance with article 27 of the Convention, to reconvene during its fifth session an open-ended ad hoc group of experts to examine and make recommendations on procedures for the resolution of questions of implementation, in the light of the progress of the negotiations on the same matters in other relevant environmental conventions;

2. *Invites* Parties that wish to communicate their views to the secretariat on how to take the matter forward to do so, in writing, by 31 May 2001;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to incorporate such views into a revised version of ICCD/COP(4)/8, part I, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;

4. *Further requests* the secretariat to update the information contained in the document referred to in paragraph 3, above, as necessary, to reflect the progress achieved in this area in other conventions, and to prepare revised documentation for consideration at its fifth session.

**B. Arbitration and conciliation procedures**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

Recalling article 28, paragraph 2(a), of the Convention, which refers to arbitration procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex to the Convention as soon as practicable,

Recalling further article 28, paragraph 6, of the Convention, which refers to conciliation procedures to be adopted by the Conference of the Parties in an annex to the Convention as soon as practicable,

Recalling also decision 20/COP.3,

1. *Decides*, in accordance with article 28 of the Convention, to reconvene during its fifth session the open-ended ad hoc group of experts to examine and make recommendations, in the light of the progress of the negotiations on the same matters in other relevant environmental conventions, on the following issues:

(a) annex on arbitration procedures;

(b) annex on conciliation procedures;

2. *Invites* Parties that wish to communicate their views on how to take this matter forward to do so, in writing, by 31 May 2001;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to incorporate such additional views into a revised version of ICCD/COP(4)/8, part II, for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;

4. *Further requests* the secretariat to update the information contained in the document referred to in paragraph 3, above, as necessary, to reflect the progress achieved in this area in other conventions, and to prepare revised documentation for consideration at its fifth session.

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