

## Decision 20/COP.8

### Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* article 27 of the Convention, which states that the Conference of the Parties (COP) 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* decisions 20/COP.3, 20/COP.4, Part A, 21/COP.5, Part A, 22/COP.6, Part A, and 22/COP.7, Part A,

*Recalling further* the Chairperson's summary of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts (AHGE) at the fifth, sixth and seventh sessions of the COP,

*Noting* that the question of linkages between article 27 and article 22, paragraph 2, article 26 and article 28 may merit further consideration,

1. *Decides*, for the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of article 27 of the Convention, to reconvene, during its ninth session, the open-ended AHGE to examine further, and make recommendations on, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation;
2. *Invites* any Parties and interested institutions and organizations wishing to communicate their views on article 27 to do so, in writing, to the secretariat by 31 January 2009;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a new working document to include a compilation of submissions by Parties contained in previous COP documents on this matter, including a draft to provide options for, and the terms of reference of, a multilateral consultative process, and a compilation also of those views submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 above;
4. *Decides further* that the AHGE shall take as the basis of its work the new working document to be prepared by the secretariat.

*9th plenary meeting  
14 September 2007*