

Decision 21/COP.2

Consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure

The Conference of the Parties

1. *Decides* to replace the marginal note, the title and paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure with the following:

"Majority required

Rule 47

1. [The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by [a simple majority vote] [a two-thirds majority vote] of the Parties present and voting, [except for decisions taken under article 21 [and article 22, paragraph 2(g)] of the Convention which shall be agreed upon by consensus, or] [unless otherwise provided by

(a) The Convention;

(b) The financial rules referred to in article 22, paragraph 2(e) of the Convention; or

(c) The present rules of procedure.]]"

2. *Requests* the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure on the agenda of its third session.

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11 December 1998*