

Decision 21/COP.8

Annexes containing 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 as soon as practicable by the Conference of the Parties (COP) in an annex to the Convention,

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

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

Recalling its decisions 20/COP.3, 20/COP.4, Part B, 21/COP.5, Part B, 22/COP.6, Part B, and 22/COP.7, Part B,

1. *Decides*, for the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of article 28 of the Convention, to reconvene, at its ninth session, the open-ended AHGE to examine further, and make recommendations on, the following:

- (a) Annex on arbitration procedures
- (b) Annex on conciliation procedures;

2. *Invites* any Parties and interested institutions and organizations wishing to communicate their views on the matter referred to in paragraph 1 above to do so, in writing, to the secretariat by 31 January 2009;

3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a new working document to include: (i) a compilation of submissions contained in previous COP documents on this matter and those submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 above, and (ii) an updated version of the annexes contained in document ICCD/COP(7)/9 to reflect these views;

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*