

## **Decision 24/COP.12**

### **Rule 47 of the rules of procedure; procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation; annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* decision 21/COP.2 on the consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure,

*Taking note* of the draft text of rule 47, as amended by decision 21/COP.2,

*Also taking note* of the report by the secretariat contained in document ICCD/COP(12)/14,

*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,

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

*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 in an annex to the Convention,

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

*Further recalling* the Chairperson summaries of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts at the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth sessions of the Conference of the Parties,

*Recalling* decisions 20/COP.3, 20/COP.4, 21/COP.5, 22/COP.6, 22/COP.7, 20/COP.8, 21/COP.8, 29/COP.9, 29/COP.10, 30/COP.10, 31/COP.11 and 32/COP.11,

#### **Rule 47 of the rules of procedure**

1. *Decides* to postpone consideration of rule 47 of the rules of procedure to a future session of the Conference of the Parties, until it is felt that there is sufficient agreement among Parties to reach consensus on this matter;

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

2. *Also decides* to postpone consideration of the provisions of article 27 of the Convention to a future session of the Conference of the Parties, until it is felt that there is sufficient agreement among Parties to reach consensus on this matter;

**Annexes containing arbitration and conciliation procedures**

3. *Further decides* to postpone consideration of article 28, paragraph 2 (a) and article 28, paragraph 6 of the Convention to a future session of the Conference of the Parties, when it is felt that there is sufficient agreement among Parties to reach consensus on this matter.

*12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*

*23 October 2015*