

## Decision 25/COP.10

### Election of officers of the Committee on Science and Technology

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* rules 22 and 31 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, amended by decisions 20/COP.2 and 1/COP.5,

*Recalling* also the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy), in particular paragraph 14 on the institutional arrangements of the Committee on Science and Technology,

*Bearing* in mind the importance of ensuring continuity in the work of the Committee on Science and Technology in the framework of the implementation of The Strategy,

*Aware of* the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention contained in the annex to decision 11/COP.9 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention, in particular paragraph 9 on the election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

*Recalling* decision 24/COP.9 entitled “Election of officers of the Committee on Science and Technology”, whereby the Conference of the Parties decided to include on its agenda for its tenth session the issue of amending the rules of procedure (including rule 22),

*Taking note* of document ICCD/COP(10)/24 entitled “Amendment of the rules of procedure (including rule 22)”,

1. *Decides* to replace paragraph 1 of rule 22 with the following:

"At the commencement of the first meeting of each ordinary session, a President and nine Vice-Presidents shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session in such a manner that every geographical region shall be represented by at least two members. The Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology, also to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session in such a manner that every geographical region shall be represented by at least one member, shall be elected at the final meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and shall assume his or her office immediately. They shall serve as the Bureau of the session. One of the Vice-Presidents shall act as Rapporteur. In appointing the Bureau, due regard shall be paid to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the regional groups recognized by the practice of the United Nations."

2. *Decides also* to replace rule 31 with the following:

"The Chairperson of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. Unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise, the Chairperson of any other subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties. Each subsidiary body shall elect its own four Vice-Chairpersons, one of whom shall act as

Rapporteur. The Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons of such subsidiary bodies shall be elected with due regard to the need to ensure equitable geographical distribution and adequate representation of affected country Parties, particularly those in Africa, while not neglecting affected country Parties in other regions and shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms. The Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee on Science and Technology shall be elected at the final meeting of the session of the Committee held in conjunction with the sessions of the Conference of the Parties, and shall assume their office immediately.”

*9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
21 October 2011*