

## Decision 29/COP.9

### 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, seventh and eighth 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, 22/COP.7, Part B, and 21/COP.8,

1. *Decides*, for the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of article 28 of the Convention, to reconvene, at its tenth 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 2011;

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(9)/14 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  
2 October 2009*