

Decision 31/COP.11

Procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation

The Conference of the Parties,

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,

Also recalling decisions 20/COP.3, 20/COP.4, part A, 21/COP.5, part A, 22/COP.6, part A, 22/COP.7, part A, 20/COP.8, 28/COP.9 and 29/COP.10,

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

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,

1. *Decides*, for the purposes of fulfilling the provisions of article 27 of the Convention, to reconvene, during its twelfth session, the open-ended Ad Hoc Group of Experts to examine further, and make recommendations on, procedures and institutional mechanisms for the resolution of questions on implementation;
2. *Invites* any Parties and interested institutions and organizations wishing to communicate their views on article 27 of the Convention to do so, in writing, to the secretariat by 31 January 2015;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a new working document to include a compilation of submissions by Parties contained in previous documents of the Conference of the Parties on this matter, including a draft to provide options for, and the terms of reference of, a multilateral consultative process, as contained in document ICCD/COP(9)/13, as well as a compilation of those views submitted pursuant to paragraph 2 above;
4. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Group of Experts shall take as the basis of its work the new working document to be prepared by the secretariat.

*10th plenary meeting
27 September 2013*