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CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE RULE OF PROCEDURE

NOT YET AGREED UPON: RULE 47

Note by the secretariat

1. At its second session, the Conference of the Parties, by decision 21/COP.2, decided to replace the marginal note, the title and paragraph 1 of rule 47 of the rules of procedure with the text reproduced in annex, and requested the secretariat to include consideration of this outstanding rule of procedure on the agenda of its third session (ICCD/COP(2)/14/Add.1).

2. The secretariat is transmitting, annexed to the present document, the text of rule 47 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, as amended by decision 21/COP.2.

Annex

TEXT OF RULE 47 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES, AS AMENDED BY DECISION 21/COP.2

"Majority required

Rule 47

1. [The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by [a simple majority vote] [a two-thirds majority vote] of the Parties present and voting, [except for decisions taken under article 21 [and article 22, paragraph 2(g)] of the Convention which shall be agreed upon by consensus, or] [unless otherwise provided by

(a) The Convention;

(b) The financial rules referred to in article 22, paragraph 2(e) of the Convention; or

(c) The present rules of procedure.]]"
