

BC-11/24: Amendment of rule 21 of the rules of procedure

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions I/1, VIII/37 and BC-10/1,

1. *Decides* to amend rule 21 of the rules of procedure to read as follows:

1. At each ordinary meeting, a President, and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom will serve as Rapporteur, are to be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. In conducting these elections, the Conference of the Parties shall have due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the five United Nations regional groups.

2. The President and nine Vice-Presidents elected at an ordinary meeting shall commence their terms of office at the closure of the meeting at which they are elected and remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, for which they will serve as the Bureau, including for any intervening extraordinary meeting. Exceptionally, one or more of these officers may be re-elected for one further consecutive term.

3. The President shall participate in meetings of the Conference of the Parties in that capacity and shall not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a Party. The Party concerned shall designate another representative who shall be entitled to represent the Party in the meeting and to exercise the right to vote.

4. The Chair of the Compliance Committee, the co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group and the Chair of any other subsidiary bodies shall be members ex officio of the Bureau.

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue a consolidated version of the rules of procedure indicating the above amendment.