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INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS: STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The terms of reference of the Standing Committee are given in Resolution 2.5 (Geneva, 1988). The composition of the Committee was amended at the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties through Resolution 3.7 (Geneva, 1991). As the provision for alternate regional representatives has proven beneficial, and as the membership of the Convention has not changed significantly since 1991, no further structural changes are recommended at this time. It should be noted that the Standing Committee amended its rules of procedure in January 1997 to enable the Chairperson of the Scientific Council to have the right to participate in its meetings as an observer without the right to vote.
2. The Conference of the Parties is invited to review the regional membership of the Standing Committee, summarized in the attached table. At the close of the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the following regional representatives will have served for one full term and are expected to remain on the Committee for one more term: Saudia Arabia (Asia) and the Netherlands (Europe). Australia, Niger and Panama will have served for two full terms and will stand down in accordance with Rule 9 of the Committee's rules of procedure, following the election of new members to represent Oceania, Africa, and America and the Caribbean, respectively.
3. Pakistan was elected as an alternate member in 1994 and is expected to continue in that capacity for one more term. The Philippines, as the only other Party in Oceania and an alternate member of the Committee since 1994, will automatically assume membership for two terms, replacing Australia. The following alternate members will have served for two full terms and will stand down: Burkina Faso (Africa), Chile (America and the Caribbean) and Finland (Europe).
4. To summarize, elections are needed for the regional representatives of Africa and America and the Caribbean, and for the alternate members for Africa, Europe and America and the Caribbean. In accordance with Rule 6 of the Standing Committee's rules of procedure, the elections shall be made on the recommendation of the Parties of each of the respective regions.
5. The members of the Standing Committee shall elect their Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at a brief session to be held immediately after the close of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties on 16 April 1997.

Standing Committee membership

Region	Current Member	Action to be taken	New member	Alternate member	Action to be taken	New alternate
Africa	Niger (1991-97)	Stand down; new election		Burkina Faso (1991-1997)	Stand down; new election	
Asia	Saudi Arabia (1994-	Continue	---	Pakistan (1994 -	Continue	---
America and the Caribbean	Panama (1991-1997)**	Stand down; new election		Chile (1991-1997)	Stand down; new election	
Europe	Netherlands (1994-	Continue	---	Finland (1991-1997)	Stand down; new election	
Oceania	Australia (1991-1997)*	Stand down; automatic membership	Philippines	Philippines (1994-	Automatic alternate	Australia
Depositary	Germany (permanent)	None	---	N/A	N/A	N/A
Host of next conference	To be decided by COP	Automatic	?	N/A	N/A	N/A

* Chair of Standing Committee from 1994-97

** Vice-Chair of Standing Committee from 1994-97