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DRAFT REPORT OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

Quito, Ecuador, 9 November 2014

Agenda item 1: Introductory Remarks

1. Bradnee Chambers (Executive Secretary) opened the meeting, explaining that he would preside over the meeting until the officers of the Standing Committee had been elected (Agenda item 3).
2. Mr Chambers invited Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana), the outgoing Chair of the Committee to say a few words.
3. Mr Oteng-Yeboah said that he had enjoyed the challenge of chairing the Standing Committee over the previous triennium and was sure that he would be leaving the Committee in the hands of a competent successor. He would remain at the disposal of the Convention should his advice be required.
4. He concluded his comments by thanking the staff at the Secretariat for all their support during his term of office.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the Agenda

5. Mr Chambers introduced the provisional agenda (StC43/Doc 2) and invited any proposals for amendments. None were made, so the agenda was adopted as presented.

Agenda item 3: Election of Officials to Fill the Posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for the Triennium 2015-2017

6. Mr Chambers invited nominations for the post of Chair.
7. Mr Adams (Germany) noting Norway's considerable support for the Convention and that Øystein Størkersen had presided over the Committee of the Whole and other MEA-related bodies with consummate success proposed Norway. There were no objections, so Norway was duly elected.
8. Mr Chambers invited nominations for the post of Vice-Chair.
9. Kyrgyzstan nominated Mongolia. There were no objections, so Mongolia was declared elected as Vice-Chair.
10. Mr Chambers invited Mr Størkersen to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Agenda item 4: Election of the Members of the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee

11. The Chair noted a change in the Terms of Reference that meant that the Finance and Budget Sub-Committee would be drawn from members of the Standing Committee and invited the Secretariat to explain the procedure.
12. Mr Chambers said that each region had been asked to nominate one representative.
13. Oceania nominated Australia. Asia nominated Mongolia. South and Central America and the Caribbean nominated Ecuador. Europe nominated France. Africa nominated Uganda.
14. All nominees agreed to serve.
15. Germany, a member of the Standing Committee in its capacity of Depositary of the Convention, requested to serve on the Sub-Committee; this request was agreed to.
16. With regard to the Chair of the Sub-Committee, Panama (Alternate for South and Central America and the Caribbean) nominated Ecuador. Ecuador accepted nomination and was declared elected.

Agenda item 5: Date and Venue for the 44th Meeting of the Standing Committee

17. The Chair asked the Secretariat to introduce this item.
18. Mr Chambers said that the Standing Committee normally met in October or November and the Secretariat would circulate suitable dates and make final arrangements for the 2015 meeting in consultation with the Chair.

Agenda item 6: Any Other Business

19. There was none.

Agenda item 7: Closure of the Meeting

20. The Chair speaking both personally and on behalf of Norway was honoured to have been asked to serve and he looked forward to working with the Secretariat to deal with the challenges ahead.
21. With all business concluded, the Chair declared the meeting over.