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## **INFORMATION TO PARTIES**

### **Nomination of officers for election to Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies**

I wish to inform Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and to its Kyoto Protocol that, during the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 5), officers will be elected or appointed to the following bodies:

- The Bureau of the COP and the CMP
- The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI)
- The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA)
- The Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (Executive Board)
- The Compliance Committee
- The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC)
- The Adaptation Fund Board
- The Expert Group on Technology Transfer (EGTT).

The President of COP 14 has designated Mr. Eric Mugurusi, Vice President of the COP, to conduct the consultations on the nomination of these officers for election on his behalf. The consultations will begin at the sessions of the subsidiary bodies scheduled to be held in Bonn, from 1 to 12 June 2009.

Regional and other groups and constituencies will be invited to discuss and agree on the nominees for election. It is recommended that Parties consult within their respective groups and/or constituencies concerning the nominations. Parties are invited to recall decision 36/CP.7 and give active consideration to the nomination of women for election to posts in any body established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol.

Following completion of the consultations, the nominations will be forwarded to the COP, CMP or subsidiary body, as appropriate, for election in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure.

<b>Distribution:</b> To Parties through national focal points for climate change.
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Information on the criteria for membership for these bodies is contained in the annex of this note. The following tables containing current and former members of these bodies are contained in the attached appendices:

- a. The table of the current members of all Convention and Protocol Bodies
- b. The table of the officers of the Bureau of COP 1 to COP 14
- c. The table of the officers of SBI 1 to SBI 30
- d. The table of the officers of SBSTA 1 to SBSTA 30
- e. The table of the officers of CDM Executive Board: 2001 to 2010
- f. The table of the officers of the Compliance Committee: 2006 to 2011
- g. The table of the officers of the JISC: 2006 to 2011
- h. The table of the officers of the Adaptation Fund Board: 2007 to 2009
- i. The table of the officers of the EGTT: 2000 to 2009.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact the secretariat at: [secretariat@unfccc.int](mailto:secretariat@unfccc.int).

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex

**CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP FOR BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER  
THE CONVENTION AND KYOTO PROTOCOL****1. The Bureau of COP and CMP**

The draft rules of procedure of the COP, being applied, states that “At the commencement of the first meeting of each ordinary session, a President, seven Vice-Presidents, the Chairmen of the subsidiary bodies established by Articles 9 and 10 of the Convention, and a Rapporteur shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the session. They will serve as the Bureau of the session. Each of the five regional groups shall be represented by two Bureau members and one Bureau member shall represent the small island developing states. The offices of President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the five regional groups.” No officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms of one year.<sup>1</sup>

The Kyoto Protocol provides that: “When the Conference of the Parties serves as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, any member of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties representing a Party to the Convention but, at that time, not a Party to this Protocol, shall be replaced by an additional member to be elected by and from amongst the Parties to this Protocol”.<sup>2</sup>

Groups will be invited to submit nominations, bearing in mind the draft rules of procedure of the COP and the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol. At the first meeting of COP 15, the COP will be invited to elect for a term of one year the President of COP 15 and CMP 5. The COP will also be invited to elect for a term of one year the other members of the Bureau, including the chairs of the subsidiary bodies, as soon as consultations on the nominations have been completed. If any member of the Bureau represents a State that is not at that time a Party to the Kyoto Protocol, the CMP will be invited to elect for a term of one year a member representing a Party to the Protocol to replace such a member.

**2. The officers of the subsidiary bodies (SBI and SBSTA)**

The rules of procedure of the COP shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the proceedings of the subsidiary bodies. Each subsidiary body shall elect its own Vice-Chair and Rapporteur.<sup>3</sup>

Groups will be invited to submit nominations, bearing in mind the draft rules of procedure of the COP. The SBI and SBSTA will each be invited to elect their Vice-Chair and Rapporteur at the earliest opportunity following completion of consultations.

**3. The Executive Board of the clean development mechanism**

The Executive Board comprises 10 members and 10 alternate members. Members and alternate members of the Executive Board are nominated by the relevant constituencies and elected by the CMP. Each year, the CMP elects 5 members and their alternate members for a term of 2 years. Members and their alternates are eligible to serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. Terms as alternate members do not count.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See rule 22, paras. 1 and 2, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP (document FCCC/CP/1996/2).

<sup>2</sup> See Article 13, para. 3, of the Kyoto Protocol.

<sup>3</sup> See rule 27, paras. 1 and 6, of the draft rules of procedure of the COP (document FCCC/CP/1996/2).

<sup>4</sup> See para. 8(a-b), annex of decision 3/CMP.1.

At CMP 5, the CMP will be invited to elect 5 members and their alternate members to the Executive Board as follows:

- 1 from Eastern Europe
- 1 from Small Island Developing States (SIDs)
- 1 from Parties included in Annex I (Annex I Parties)
- 2 from Parties not included in Annex I (Non-Annex I Parties).

Constituencies will be invited to submit nominations, bearing in mind the time, availability and competencies required of members and alternates sitting on the Executive Board. Parties may also wish to review the annual report of the Executive Board to CMP 4, in which the Executive Board reiterated that “its members must collectively provide the professional and regulatory competence needed to supervise the CDM, which is a mechanism of substantial size, global spread and sectoral diversity” and that members and alternate members “need to invest a considerable amount of time to provide their professional services.”<sup>5</sup>

#### **4. The Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC)**

The JISC comprises 10 members and 10 alternate members. Members and alternate members of the JISC are nominated by the relevant constituencies and elected by the CMP. Each year, the CMP elects 5 members and their alternate members for a term of 2 years. Members of the JISC may be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. Terms as alternate members do not count.<sup>6</sup>

At CMP 5, the CMP will be invited to elect 5 members and their alternate members to the JISC as follows:

- 1 from SIDs
- 1 from Annex I Parties
- 1 from Parties included in Annex I that are undergoing the process of transition to a market economy (Annex I EIT Parties)
- 2 from Non-Annex I Parties.

Constituencies will be invited to submit nominations, keeping in mind that members and alternate members of the JISC shall have recognized competence relating to climate change issues and in relevant technical and policy fields,<sup>7</sup> and the expected time commitments required of members and alternates sitting on the JISC.<sup>8</sup>

#### **5. The Compliance Committee**

The Compliance Committee comprises 20 members and 20 alternate members, nominated by the relevant constituencies and elected by the CMP. Ten members and their alternates are elected to serve on the facilitative branch, and 10 members and their alternates are elected to serve in the enforcement branch. Every two years the CMP elects, for each branch, 5 members and 5 alternate members for a term of 4 years. Members shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.<sup>9</sup> The length of term for each member of the Compliance Committee also applies to his or her alternate member, and alternate members are not to serve for more than two consecutive terms as alternate members.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> See para. 95 of FCCC/KP/CMP/2008/4.

<sup>6</sup> See paras. 5 and 6, of the annex of decision 9/CMP.1.

<sup>7</sup> See para. 11(a), of the annex of decision 9/CMP.1

<sup>8</sup> See section VII of the annual report of the JISC to CMP 4, FCCC/KP/CMP/2008/3 (Part II).

<sup>9</sup> See section II, para. 3, section IV, para. 2, and section V, para. 2, of the annex of decision 27/CMP.1.

<sup>10</sup> See para. 4 (a-b), decision 4/CMP.4.

At CMP 5, the CMP will be invited to elect 5 members and their alternate members for each branch of the compliance committee, as follows:

- 1 from Africa
- 1 from Asia
- 1 from Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)
- 1 from Annex I Parties
- 1 from Non-Annex I Parties.

Constituencies will be invited to submit nominations, including a brief curriculum vitae of each individual nominated, bearing in mind the agreed competencies of the members of the respective branches of the Compliance Committee, in particular:

- a) That the members and alternate members of the facilitative branch shall have recognized competencies relating to climate change and in relevant fields such as the scientific, technical, socio-economic or legal fields;<sup>11</sup>
- b) That the members and alternate members of the enforcement branch shall have legal experience.<sup>12</sup>

Parties are reminded that the nature of the Committee and the particular design and function of the procedures and mechanisms require, for their effective functioning and for the quorum to be met, the availability of members and alternate members for meetings on very short notice (one to two weeks).

## **6. The Adaptation Fund Board**

The Adaptation Fund Board comprises 16 members and their alternates. The members and alternate members are identified by their respective governments, nominated by the relevant constituencies and elected by the CMP. The members and alternate members serve for a term of 2 years and are eligible to serve a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.<sup>13</sup> At CMP 7, half of the members of the Adaptation Fund Board, and their alternate members from the same group, shall continue to serve in office for 1 additional and final year. Terms as members do not count towards the terms as alternate members, and terms as alternate members do not count towards the terms as members.<sup>14</sup>

At CMP 5, the CMP will be invited to elect all 16 members and their alternate members to the Adaptation Fund Board as follows:

- 2 from Africa
- 2 from Asia
- 2 from GRULAC
- 2 from Eastern Europe
- 2 from Western Europe and Others Group (WEOG)
- 1 from SIDs
- 1 from Least Developed Country Parties (LDCs)
- 2 from Annex I Parties
- 2 from Non-Annex I Parties.

<sup>11</sup> See section II, para. 6, and section IV, para. 3, annex of decision 27/CMP.1.

<sup>12</sup> See section V, para. 3, annex of decision 27/CMP.1.

<sup>13</sup> See para. 8, decision 1/CMP.3.

<sup>14</sup> See paras. 15 and 16, decision 1/CMP.4.

Constituencies will be invited to submit nominations, bearing in mind that the members and alternate members of the Adaptation Fund Board shall have the appropriate technical, adaptation and/or policy expertise.<sup>15</sup>

## **7. The Expert Group on Technology Transfer**

The EGTT comprises 19 experts nominated by Parties to the Convention. The members of the EGTT shall be nominated by Parties to the Convention for a term of 2 years and are eligible to serve 2 consecutive terms. Half of the members of the EGTT initially shall serve for a period of 3 years, taking into account the need to maintain the overall balance of the group. Every year thereafter, half of the members shall be nominated for a period of 2 years.<sup>16</sup>

At COP 15, constituencies will be invited to nominate 9 members to the EGTT as follows:

- 1 from Africa
- 2 from Asia
- 1 from GRULAC
- 4 from Annex I Parties
- 1 from Other Non-Annex I Parties.

Constituencies will be invited to bear in mind that members of the EGTT shall have expertise in the five thematic areas of the current framework and/or in any of the following areas, inter alia: greenhouse gas mitigation and technologies for adaptation; technology assessments; information technology; resource economics including public and private financing instruments; and social development.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> See para. 8, decision 1/CMP.3.

<sup>16</sup> See para. 6, annex II of decision 3/CP.13.

<sup>17</sup> See para. 9, annex II of decision 3/CP.13.