

Agenda item 11

Resolution VIII.45 – Review of status

Action requested: The Standing Committee is invited to note the progress in responding to this Resolution and add any additional observations as necessary.

1. Resolution VIII.45 (2002) has been discussed before and since the 9th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The statement below summarises the current actions underway or completed as a result of Resolution VIII.45, and subsequent activity. Each operational paragraph is treated separately, with a note on the actions/results.

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<p>10. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to undertake, as one of its highest priorities, a general review of the effectiveness of the process of drafting, considering, adopting and implementing Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Meetings of the Conference of the Parties;</p>	<p><i>Done, in place for COP9; Resolution IX.17 will also ensure that this issue is given a complete perspective.</i></p>
<p>11. DIRECTS that this review focus on the effectiveness and efficiency of the Convention, from a broad perspective rather than on a country by country basis;</p>	<p><i>The STRP's ongoing work on Indicators of Effectiveness will carry this forward.</i></p>
<p>12. DIRECTS the Standing Committee, based upon this review of the effectiveness and efficiency of the process of drafting, considering, adopting and implementing Resolutions and Recommendations, to prepare and circulate to Parties in a timely manner a report and recommendations on this matter, including possible amendments to the Rules of Procedure, to be considered at COP9;</p>	<p><i>New ways of managing the technical Resolutions were introduced at COP9 and adopted for future use, including with changes to the Rules of Procedure.</i></p>
<p>13. AGREES that for COP9, draft Resolutions should be considered for division by the Standing Committee into two categories, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) draft technical resolutions, providing technical guidance for the implementation of the Convention; and b) other draft resolutions, including on, <i>inter alia</i>, administrative, procedural, and policy issues; 	<p><i>Done.</i></p>

14. DIRECTS the Standing Committee to identify, as a high priority, those technical tasks included in the Work Plan of the STRP which could lead to draft technical resolutions to be considered at the next COP;	<i>The new modus operandi of the STRP includes this issue.</i>
15. AGREES that those draft technical resolutions should be: a) drafted by the STRP; b) provided to STRP national focal points with a minimum of 60 days to comment; c) developed to allow time for networking among Parties during consideration; d) reviewed by the STRP for endorsement by the Standing Committee after preparation; and e) sent to COP for endorsement and final approval;	<i>Idem</i>
16. ENCOURAGES the Contracting Parties to submit draft technical resolutions and other draft resolutions to the Standing Committee before their consideration at the COP;	<i>Idem</i>
17. ALSO ENCOURAGES Contracting Parties to submit proposals for draft technical resolutions, as referred to in paragraph 15 above, to the Bureau at least 120 days before the commencement of the COP, noting that nothing in this Resolution will prejudice the right of any Contracting Party to submit any proposals according to the Rules of Procedure;	<i>Idem</i>
18. REQUESTS the Standing Committee to analyse, report and provide recommendations on possibilities to improve the efficiency of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties; and	<i>Under continuous review from now on</i>
19. RECOMMENDS that in preparing the agenda and programme for future COPs the Standing Committee, host country and Bureau endeavour to maximise the wise use of time on the agreed agenda for Convention business, including reports previously circulated as conference documents.	<i>In the COP10 programme, currently in draft form under discussion with the Republic of Korea, for submission to the Standing Committee Subgroup on COP10 in due course, the key issues of effective use of time are taken up.</i>