

### Proposed changes received from Parties on the draft Rules of Procedure

Original text	Changes proposed by Japan	Changes proposed by Norway	Changes proposed by the United States of America
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<p><b>Rule 2 - Application</b></p> <p>2.1 These Rules of Procedure shall apply to all meetings of the Parties to the Agreement.</p> <p>2.2 Subject to the Agreement and unless the Parties decide otherwise, these Rules of Procedure shall also apply, <i>mutatis mutandis</i>, to subsidiary bodies established under the Agreement and by the Parties.</p> <p>2.3 The General Rules of the Organization shall apply <i>mutatis mutandis</i> to all matters not specifically dealt with under the Agreement or these Rules.</p>			<p><b>Rule 2 - Application</b></p> <p>2.4 These Rules of Procedure shall apply to all meetings of the Parties to the Agreement.</p> <p>2.5 <del>Unless Subject to the Agreement and unless</del> the Parties decide otherwise, these Rules of Procedure shall also apply, <i>mutatis mutandis</i>, to subsidiary bodies established under the Agreement and by the Parties.</p> <p>2.6 <del>The General Rules of the Organization shall apply mutatis mutandis to all matters not specifically dealt with under the Agreement or these Rules.</del></p>
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<p>and one Vice-Chairperson from an FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson. The Meeting of the Parties may also elect from among the Representatives a Rapporteur and such other officers as the Meeting of the Parties deems necessary for the performance of its functions.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> In electing the Officers, the Meeting of the Parties shall have due regard to the principle of rotation and geographical distribution. If the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from his or her position or finds him or</p>	<p>and one Vice-Chairperson from an FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson. The Meeting of the Parties may also elect from among the Representatives a Rapporteur and such other officers as the Meeting of the Parties deems necessary for the performance of its functions.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> In electing the Officers, the Meeting of the Parties shall have due regard to the principle of rotation and geographical distribution. If the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from his or her position or <u>is finds him</u></p>	<p>and one Vice-Chairperson from an FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson. <u>In electing the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, the Meeting of the Parties shall have due regard to the principle of rotation and geographical distribution.</u></p> <p><u>3.1 bis The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall participate in the session in those capacities and shall not at the same time exercise the rights of a Representatives.</u></p> <p><u>3.1 ter</u> The Meeting of the Parties may also elect from among the Representatives a Rapporteur and such other officers as the Meeting of the Parties deems necessary for the performance of its functions.</p> <p><del><b>3.2</b> In electing the Officers, the Meeting of the Parties shall have due regard to the principle of rotation and geographical distribution. If the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from his or her position or finds him or herself permanently unable to</del></p>	<p><del>Chairperson, a First and one Vice-Chairperson, and up to five Vice-Chairpersons, who will act as a Bureau between sessions and during sessions, from an FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson.</del> The Meeting of the Parties may also elect from among the Representatives a Rapporteur and such other officers as the Meeting of the Parties deems necessary for the performance of its functions.</p> <p><b>3.2</b> In electing the Officers, the Meeting of the Parties shall <u>give</u>have due <u>consideration</u>regard to <u>equitable</u> the principle of <u>rotation and</u>geographical distribution <u>and the desirability of ensuring rotation of these positions among geographic</u></p>
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<p>herself permanently unable to exercise his or her functions, the Party of such person shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said person during the remainder of the term. Except as provided for in Rule 3.4, if the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is unable to temporarily carry out any of his or her functions, the Party of the said person may designate an alternate.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> The terms of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Rapporteur shall commence with immediate effect upon the opening of the session at which they are elected. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve as the officers of the Regular Session and any Special</p>	<p><del>or herself</del> permanently unable to exercise his or her functions, the Party of such person shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said person during the remainder of the term. Except as provided for in Rule 3.4, if the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is unable to temporarily carry out any of his or her functions, the Party of the said person may designate an alternate.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> The terms of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and the Rapporteur shall commence with immediate effect upon the opening of the session at which they are elected. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve as the officers of the Regular Session and any Special</p>	<p><del>exercise his or her functions, the Party of such person shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said person during the remainder of the term. Except as provided for in Rule 3.4, if the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is unable to temporarily carry out any of his or her functions, the Party of the said person may designate an alternate.</del></p> <p><b>3.3</b> The terms of office of the Chairperson, <u>and the</u> Vice-Chairperson <u>and the</u> <del>Rapporteur</del> shall commence with immediate effect upon the opening of the session at which they are elected. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve as the officers of the Regular</p>	<p><u>regions. The First Vice-Chairperson shall be from an FAO region other than the region of the Chairperson.</u> If the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson <del>Chairperson</del> resigns from his or her position or finds him or herself permanently unable to exercise his or her functions, the Party of such person shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said person during the remainder of the term. Except as provided for in Rule 3.4, if the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is unable to temporarily carry out any of his or her functions, the Party of the said person may designate an alternate.</p> <p><b>3.3</b> The terms of office of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson <del>and the Rapporteur</del> shall commence with immediate effect upon the <u>closingopening</u> of the session at which they are elected <u>and continue until the election of a new Chairperson</u></p>
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~~S~~session and any Special session held during their terms of office and provide guidance to the Secretariat with regard to the preparations for, and conduct of sessions of the Meeting of the Parties. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson shall remain in office until a new Chairperson and a new Vice-Chairperson is elected at the commencement of the next Regular session.

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<p>Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and functions as the Chairperson.</p>	<p>Chairperson. A Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and functions as the Chairperson</p>	<p>Chairperson. A Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and functions as the Chairperson. <u>If both the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson are unable to temporarily carry out any of their functions, the Parties of the said persons may designate alternates.</u></p> <p><u>3.4 ter If the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson resigns from his or her position or finds him or herself permanently unable to exercise his or her functions, the Party of such person shall designate another representative so that he or she may replace the said person during the remainder of the term.</u></p>	<p><u>Chairpersons</u>, to act as Chairperson. A Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and functions as the Chairperson.</p>
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**5.2** Special sessions of the Meeting of the Parties shall be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Parties, or at the written request of any Party, provided that this request is supported by at least one third of the Parties. A Special session convened at the request of a Party shall be held within six months of the request having received the support of one third of the Parties.

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<p>consultation with the Director-General of the FAO and the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> Notice of the date and place of each session of the Meeting of the Parties shall be communicated to all Parties and observers at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of the session.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> Each Party and observer shall communicate to the Secretariat the name of its representatives before the opening of each session of the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> The Secretariat may invite experts to sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, with the agreement of the Chairperson.</p>		<p>consultation with the Director-General of the FAO and the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> Notice of the date and place of each session of the Meeting of the Parties shall be communicated to all Parties and observers at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of the session.</p> <p><u>5.4bis Unless a Party offers to host the session of the Meeting of the Parties, the session shall take place at the FAO Headquarters.</u></p> <p><b>5.5</b> Each Party and observer shall communicate to the Secretariat the name of its representatives before the opening of each session of the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> The Secretariat may invite experts to sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, with</p>	<p>consultation with the <u>Bureau and the</u> Director-General of the FAO and the Secretariat.</p> <p><b>5.4</b> Notice of the date and place of each session of the Meeting of the Parties shall be communicated to all Parties and observers at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of <u>any</u>the session.</p> <p><b>5.5</b> Each Party and observer shall <u>[submit the credentials of its representatives and the names of members of its delegation to the Secretariat]</u> [communicate to the Secretariat the <u>names</u><del>name</del> of its representatives] before the opening of each session of the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p><b>5.6</b> The Secretariat may invite experts to sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, with</p>
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<p><b>5.7</b> The presence of delegates representing a majority of the Parties shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any session of the Meeting of the Parties.</p> <p>5.8 The FAO Secretariat shall convene and facilitate the session of the Meeting of the Parties until the session has elected the Chairperson.</p>		<p>the agreement of the Chairperson.</p> <p><del>5.7 The presence of delegates representing a majority of the Parties shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any session of the Meeting of the Parties.</del></p> <p>5.8 The <del>FAO</del> Secretariat shall convene and facilitate the session of the Meeting of the Parties until the session has elected the Chairperson.</p>	<p>the agreement of the <u>Bureau</u>Chairperson.</p> <p><b>5.7</b> The presence of <del>delegates representing a</del> <u>representative of the</u> majority of the Parties shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any session of the Meeting of the Parties <u>for the purposes of making decisions.</u></p> <p><del>5.8 The FAO Secretariat shall convene and facilitate the session of the Meeting of the Parties until the session has elected the Chairperson.</del></p>
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<p>before it is circulated to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> The provisional agenda of a session shall be circulated by the Secretariat to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of a Regular session and eight (8) weeks in the case of a Special session.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> Any Party may, after the circulation of the provisional agenda of a session, propose the inclusion of specific items on the agenda of such session with respect to matters of an urgent or unforeseen nature, if possible not later than two (2) weeks before the opening of the session. These items should be placed on a supplementary list which shall be circulated by the Secretariat to all Parties and observers invited to attend the session by one (1) week before the opening of the session if possible or otherwise communicated to the Chairperson for submission to</p>	<p>before it is circulated to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> The provisional agenda of a session shall be circulated by the Secretariat to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of a Regular session and eight (8) weeks in the case of a Special session.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> Any Party may, after the circulation of the provisional agenda of a session, propose the inclusion of specific items on the agenda of such session with respect to matters of an urgent or unforeseen nature, if possible not later than two (2) weeks before the opening of the session. These items should be placed on a supplementary list which shall be circulated by the Secretariat to all Parties and observers invited to attend the session by one (1) week before the opening of the session if possible or otherwise communicated to the Chairperson for submission to</p>	<p>before it is circulated to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session.</p> <p><b>6.3</b> The provisional agenda of a session shall be circulated by the Secretariat to the Parties and observers invited to attend the session at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of a Regular session and eight (8) weeks in the case of a Special session.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> Any Party may, after the circulation of the provisional agenda of a session, propose the inclusion of specific items on the agenda of such session with respect to matters of an urgent or unforeseen nature, if possible not later than two (2) weeks before the opening of the session. These items should be placed on a supplementary list which shall be circulated by the Secretariat to all Parties and observers invited to attend the session by one (1) week before the opening of the session if possible or otherwise communicated to the Chairperson for submission to</p>	<p>Agenda of a Regular session before it is circulated to the Parties and observers <del>invited to attend the session.</del></p> <p><b>6.3</b> The provisional agenda of a session shall be circulated by the Secretariat to the Parties and observers <del>invited to attend the session</del> at least twelve (12) weeks before the opening of a Regular session and eight (8) weeks in the case of a Special session.</p> <p><b>6.4</b> Any Party may, <del>after the circulation of the provisional agenda of a session,</del> propose the inclusion of specific items on the <u>provisional</u> agenda of such session <del>with respect to matters of an urgent or unforeseen nature, if possible not later than two (2) weeks</del> before the opening of the session <del>to. These items should be placed on a supplementary list which shall</del> be circulated by the Secretariat to all Parties and observers <del>invited to attend the session</del> by one (1) week before the opening of the session, <del>if possible or otherwise communicated to the</del></p>
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