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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Decision required: paragraph 4.

1. The Conference of Parties may wish to take account of the recommendations of the External Auditor of UNESCO, appointed by the General Conference in 37 C/Resolution 96, who was mandated to carry out a “*strategic performance review of all governing bodies [...], with a view to formulating governance reform and cost-saving measures as appropriate*”¹. With this in mind, the Chairperson of the COP and the Secretariat have cooperated with a view to complying with the aims of the abovementioned resolution. The main proposed recommendations to emerge from the process conducted by the External Auditor concern the need to strengthen the governance of the COP, including its Bureau, as follows:
 - (a) *More efficient governance of the Convention, particularly by simplifying procedures – for example, for approval of communiqués – to enable the decisions of the governing bodies to be implemented with greater visibility and responsiveness.*
 - (b) *Formal periodic meetings between the Secretariat and the Bureau of the Convention, if necessary by means of video-conferences, to better prepare strategic developments and ensure follow-up of decisions.*
 - (c) *Extended duration of the mandate of the Bureau with two-year terms renewed at least once to avoid an overly rapid turnover of insufficiently experienced members.*
2. At its second meeting held on 18 March 2015 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the Bureau of the Conference of Parties recommended proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of Parties. These amendments relate to the mandate of the Bureau and its working methods and are in line with the External Auditor’s recommendations. The proposed amendments appear in Annex I.
3. If the Conference of Parties so wishes, it shall rule on these proposed amendments.

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4. The Conference of Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution:

The Conference of Parties,

1. *Having examined* document ICDS/5CP/Doc.12 and its Annex,
2. *Taking account* of the recommendations of the External Auditor,
3. *Approves* the principle of formal meetings of the Bureau;
4. *Approves* the amendments as they appear in the Annex to the said document.

ANNEX I

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Current Rule 4 – Election of officers

At the beginning of its session, the Conference shall elect a Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur with due regard being given to ensuring an equitable geographical distribution.

New Rule 4 - Election of officers

4.1 At the beginning of its session, the Conference shall elect a Chairperson, one or more Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur with due regard being given to ensuring an equitable geographical distribution, who shall together constitute its Bureau. Their term of office will run from the opening of the Conference in which they are elected until the next session of the Conference, when a new Bureau will be elected. The members of the Bureau shall be eligible for immediate re-election only for a second term of office.

4.2 The Bureau shall coordinate the work of the Conference of Parties and order of business of the session. The Chairperson will be assisted in carrying out his/her duties by the other members of the Bureau.

4.3 In addition, the Bureau shall perform the following duties entrusted to it by the Conference:

- 4.3.1 to promote the purpose of the Convention as set forth in the Convention;
- 4.3.2 to contribute to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference to ensure that appropriate timelines and procedures are in place for their effective management by all concerned parties;
- 4.3.3 to contribute to enhancing the cooperation with major and strategic stakeholders involved in the fight against doping in sport, to share information and participate in outreach activities;
- 4.3.4 to contribute to the follow-up and appraisal of the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Conference and advocate through international frameworks the regulatory role of the Convention in contributing to address sport integrity and good governance;
- 4.3.5 to hold meetings on matters related to meeting the targets set by the objectives of the Convention, address best practices in achieving compliance requirements defined by the Convention, and share information with the States Parties through recommendations and guidance in the debates that may contribute to the implementation of the Convention;
- 4.3.6 to contribute to raising strategic challenges in areas arising from the implementation of the Convention, including issues relating to lack of compliance, and suggest approaches for improvement;

- 4.3.7 *to initiate and recommend to the Conference a Notification Letter to non-compliant States Parties for alignment and encouragement to fulfil their commitments as per the provisions of the Convention (See document ICDS/5CP/Doc.3).*