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**CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE**

**MEETING OF STATES PARTIES**

**Fourth Session**  
**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV**  
**28-29 May 2013**

**Item 5 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Election of 6 Members of the Advisory Body**

**Decision required : paragraph 8**

1. According to Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties, the members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (hereinafter the “**Advisory Body**”) shall be elected for a term of office of four years. Nevertheless, the term of office for half of the members elected at the first election shall be limited to two years. Those members were to be chosen by lot at the time of the first election. Every two years, the Meeting shall elect half of the membership of the Advisory Body, with due regard to the principles of equitable geographical distribution, rotation and gender representation.
2. While this rule was not applied in the first election of members (in which the terms of all elected members were reduced to two years), the Meeting of States Parties, in its third session and second election of the Advisory Body members, decided by Resolution 7/MSP 3, that in conformity with the drawing of lots according to geographical distribution, the following members shall sit for a 2-year term (and their terms ended accordingly):
  - Ms Carmen García Rivera (Spain),
  - Mr Constantin Chera (Romania),
  - Mr Andrej Gaspari (Slovenia)
  - Ms Dolores Elkin (Argentina),
  - Ms Pilar Luna Erreguerena (Mexico),
  - Ms Ouafa Ben Slimane (Tunisia).
3. The Meeting also decided that the term of office for the members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body shall start from the date of election, and it requested the Secretariat to take the necessary measures enabling the Meeting of States Parties to fill the vacant seats after 2 and 4 years in such a way that the temporal limitation of Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure would be ensured.
4. As the election of the current Advisory Body took place on 14 April 2011, the term of the above-mentioned members expires on 14 April 2013. Six new members must therefore be elected. Prior members can stand for re-election.

5. According to Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the election of members of the Advisory Body shall be conducted with due regard to the principles of equitable geographical distribution, gender representation, as well as domain of expertise. Experts shall have a scientific, professional and ethical background at the national and/or international level adequate to the task, in conformity with the objective and purpose of the Convention, in particular, in the field of underwater archaeology, international law, materials science (metallurgy, archaeo-biology, geology), or conservation of underwater cultural heritage sites and/or archaeological underwater artefacts.
6. In accordance with Article 2 (a) of its Statutes, the Advisory Body shall comprise twelve Members. The Meeting of States Parties may increase this number to up to twenty four, depending on the number of States Parties.
7. In addition to invitations to the fourth session of the Meeting of States Parties, State Parties received requests to nominate a candidate to represent their State within the Advisory Body, in compliance with Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure. The provisional list of candidates and essential background information is to be found in document UCH/13/4.MSP/220/INF.3. This document also contains a description of the distribution of States, which are States Parties to the Convention at the moment of the fourth session of the Meeting (listed by electoral groups) and information on the geographical distribution of the Advisory Body.
8. The Meeting of States Parties may wish to adopt the following resolution :

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 5/MSP 4:**

The Meeting of States Parties, in its fourth session,

1. Having examined document UCH/13/4.MSP/220/5;
2. Elects as Members to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body to the Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage:

1. [Name / State]

2. [Name / State]

3. [Name / State]

4. [Name / State]

5. [Name / State]

6. [Name / State]