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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION**

**Eighth session**

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**8 to 10 September 2020**

**Item 4 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Distribution of seats in the Committee per electoral group**

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| **Summary**Rule 13.2 (ii) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly of the States Parties to the Convention states that the twenty-four seats on the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each electoral group, provided that, after such distribution, at least three seats would be attributed to each group. Furthermore, by its [Resolution 3.GA 12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/r%C3%A9solutions/3.GA/12?dec=resolutions&ref_decision=3.GA), the General Assembly decided that Rule 13.2 shall be rigorously applied to future elections, strictly on the basis of mathematical calculations.**Decision required:** paragraph 5 |

1. In accordance with Rule 13.2 (ii) of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly of the States Parties, the twenty-four seats on the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups in proportion to the number of States Parties from each electoral group, provided that, after such distribution, at least three seats are attributed to each group.
2. As of 8 June 2020, the following 178 States have deposited their respective instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession and, therefore, pursuant to Article 34 of the Convention, will be States Parties to the Convention at the date of the election of members of the Committee on 10 September 2020.

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| **Group I** | 22 | Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey |
| **Group II** | 24 | Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan |
| **Group III** | 32 | Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) |
| **Group IV** | 40 | Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Cook Islands, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Viet Nam |
| **Group V(a)** | 42 | Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe |
| **Group V(b)** | 18 | Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen |

1. By its [Resolution 3.GA 12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/r%C3%A9solutions/3.GA/12?dec=resolutions&ref_decision=3.GA), the General Assembly decided that ‘the principle of proportionality in Rule 13.2 of its Rules of Procedure, in full conformity with the principle of equitable geographic representation in Article 6.1 of the Convention, shall be rigorously applied to future elections, strictly on the basis of mathematical calculations’.
2. The distribution of seats per electoral group in proportion to the number of States Parties can, therefore, be established on the basis of mathematical calculations as indicated in the table below. In these calculations, the minimum number of three seats is first attributed to electoral group V(b). The 21 remaining seats are then apportioned to the five remaining groups, beginning with the group with the highest decimal fraction (group V(a)), then the group with the second-highest decimal fraction (group IV).

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| **Electoral group** | **States Parties** | **Percentof total** | **Seats (fractions)** | **Seats(whole)** |
| **I** | 22 | 12.36% | 2.96 | 3 |
| **II** | 24 | 13.48% | 3.23 | 3 |
| **III** | 32 | 17.98% | 4.31 | 4 |
| **IV** | 40 | 22.47% | 5.39 | 5 |
| **V(a)** | 42 | 23.60% | 5.66 | 6 |
| **V(b)** | 18 | 10.11% | 2.42 | 3 |
| **Total** | **178** | **100.00%** | **24** | **24** |

1. The General Assembly may wish to adopt the following resolution:

DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.GA 4

The General Assembly,

1. Having examined document LHE/20/8.GA/4,

2. Recalling Article 6 of the Convention,

3. Further recalling Rule 13 of its Rules of Procedure, as well as [Resolution 3.GA 12](https://ich.unesco.org/en/r%C3%A9solutions/3.GA/12?dec=resolutions&ref_decision=3.GA),

4. Decides that for the purpose of the election at its eighth session, the 24 seats of the Committee shall be distributed among electoral groups as follows: Group I, three seats; Group II, three seats; Group III, four seats; Group IV, five seats; Group V(a), six seats; Group V(b), three seats.