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

**MEETING OF STATES PARTIES**

**Fourth Session  
Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room IV  
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**Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda:**

**Change of Statutes of the Advisory Body**

**Decision required : paragraph 2**

1. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (hereinafter the “**Advisory Body**”) has twelve members. Nevertheless, in all three meetings of the Advisory Body, which have taken place since 2010, some members of the Body were absent. The reasons were mainly due to members being away for excavation work, illness, or having changed their position in the institution that initially nominated them. In most cases, a replacement was sent, but he or she could not sit for the member, as the members of the Advisory Body are elected by the Meeting of States Parties in the light of the candidatures submitted by the States Parties including the curriculum vitae and the background of the candidates.
2. In the last meeting of the Advisory Body, it was acknowledged that this poses a problem, especially in the case of a definitive absence of a member, due to retirement or a change in position, for example.
3. The members therefore recommended to the Meeting of States Parties to find a solution to this issue. By Recommendation 11/STAB 3, on the replacement of Advisory Body Members:

*The Scientific and Technical Advisory Body,*

*Recommends to the Meeting of States Parties to take measures allowing the replacement of one of its members with an equally qualified person without new elections in specific situations.*

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

**DRAFT RESOLUTION 6/MSP 4:**

The Meeting of States Parties, in its fourth session,

1. Decides to change Article 3 of the Statutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body in adding:

*c) if a member of the Advisory Body cannot finish his term for whichever reason, the State that he/she represents can designate another expert to replace him/her for the remaining part of the term, after consultation of the bureau of the Meeting of States Parties. The chairperson of the Advisory Body will be informed as soon as possible of the name of the new expert so designated in replacement.*

*d) any expert, designated by a State to represent it in application of paragraph c) above, needs to have the professional expertise required according to Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Meeting of States Parties and Article 2 of the Statutes of the Advisory Body.*