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ELECTION OF PARTIES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

In accordance with Resolution 9.15 the Secretariat has prepared guidance for Parties regarding the election of regional and alternate members to the Standing Committee.

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Background

1. The Secretariat has prepared this note to assist Parties in their deliberations to elect members to the Standing Committee to serve during the period from the close of the 12th Meeting to the close of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
2. Resolution 9.15 outlines the composition and organization of the Standing Committee. Regarding composition, it states the following:

“The Membership of the Standing Committee shall be agreed at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties in accordance with the Conference’s Rules of Procedure (but also see 2 (l) below) and shall comprise:

- (i) *three Parties elected from each of the geographic regions*
 - (a) *Africa and*
 - (b) *Europe;*
- (ii) *two Parties elected from each of the geographic regions*
 - (a) *Asia and*
 - (b) *South and Central America and the Caribbean;*
- (iii) *one Party from each of the geographic regions*
 - (a) *North America and*
 - (b) *Oceania;*
- (iv) *the Depositary and Host Government of the host of the Secretariat; and*
- (v) *where appropriate, the Host Government of the next and previous meetings of the Conference of the Parties.”*

3. The table below indicates the Parties currently serving as members of the Standing Committee

Current Members of the Standing Committee			
Region	Country	First Elected to Standing Committee	Eligible for further term
Africa	Congo (Brazzaville)	2014	Yes
	South Africa	2014	Yes
	Uganda	2011	No
Asia	Mongolia - Vice-Chair	2014	Yes
	Kyrgyzstan	2014	Yes
South & Central America & the Caribbean	Bolivia	2014	Yes
	Costa Rica	2014	Yes
Europe	Norway - Chair	2011 ¹	Yes
	France	2014	Yes
	Ukraine	2011	No
Oceania	Australia	2014	Yes
Host Previous COP	Ecuador	n/a	n/a
Host Next COP	Philippines	n/a	n/a
Host Government/ Depositary	Germany	n/a	n/a

¹ In 2011 Norway was included as the previous COP Host, and in 2014 it became a regional member.

4. From the above table, it is clear that at least two members will have to be replaced. However, regions are free to replace other members if they wish.
5. Parties are also expected to elect 11 regional representatives to serve as alternate members. The current list of alternates is as follows:

Current Alternate Members of the Standing Committee	
Region	Country
Africa	Algeria
	Mali
	United Republic of Tanzania
Asia	Tajikistan
	Pakistan
South & Central America & the Caribbean	Argentina
	Panama
Europe	Georgia
	Latvia
	Switzerland
Oceania	Philippines

6. Parties should also be aware that a Finance Subcommittee will be established from among the members of the Standing Committee, as per Resolution 9.15 para 1 (e) and the draft resolution contained in CMS/COP12/Doc.14.2.
7. The Philippines will automatically serve on the Standing Committee in the next triennium as the Host of COP12.

Recommended actions

8. The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:
 - a) Consult within regional groups and determine which Parties will be nominated as regional or alternate members of the Standing Committee.
 - b) Communicate this information to all Parties under Agenda item 17.1 of COP.