



Item 3

Amendment to the Convention: Article 18 (Frequency of Meetings)

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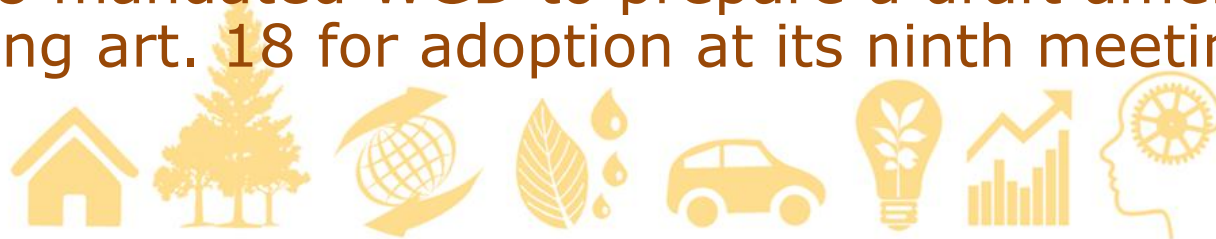
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Background

- COP-7 (Nov 2012) requested the Working Group on Development (WGD), among others, to evaluate the need for amending the Convention text regarding the frequency of meetings
- WGD discussed the issue at its third (Sep 2013) and fourth (Apr 2014) meetings, recommending to COP-8 (Dec 2014) that there was a need to amend art. 18, para 1 (frequency of meetings) of the Convention
- COP-8 mandated WGD to prepare a draft amendment revising art. 18 for adoption at its ninth meeting





Rationale for the amendment of art. 18, para 1

- Clarify the frequency of meetings of the Conference of the Parties
- Ensure that the Conference of the Parties' current practice of meeting every two years complies with the Convention





Proposed draft text for art. 18

- In paragraph 1 replace “a year” with “every two years”, to read as follows:

1. The representatives of the Parties shall constitute the Conference of the Parties of this Convention and hold their meetings on a regular basis. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be convened not later than one year after the date of the entry into force of this Convention. Thereafter, a meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at least once ~~a year~~ **every two years** or at the written request of any Party, provided that, within six months of the request being communicated to them by the secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.





Thank you for your attention

