

Decision 2021/6

Review of the rules of procedure for the sessions of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution as adopted by decision 2010/19 and amended by decision 2013/1

The Executive Body,

Recalling that the rules of procedure for the Convention have now been in place for more than 10 years and also noting that the activities of the Convention have evolved over this time,

Noting the Convention's ambitious agenda to undertake considerable work to drive concrete improvements in air quality, as reflected in the Long-Term Strategy for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution for 2020–2030 and beyond (decision 2018/5, annex),¹

Acknowledging the priority of the ongoing work of the review of the Protocol to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone,

Noting the challenges that the Convention has faced during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including regarding the organization of hybrid meetings and insufficient meeting time,

1. *Decides* to undertake a comprehensive review of the rules of procedure for the Convention;
2. *Also decides* that the review will be undertaken by an ad hoc group of experts, including notably with experience in the Convention or other multilateral environmental agreements, convened by the Chair of the Working Group on Strategies and Review, with the aim of first assessing the need for potential revisions and, as appropriate, providing recommendations on further steps;
3. *Invites* Parties to designate participants in the ad hoc group and to provide the names and contact information of nominated experts to the secretariat by 14 January 2022;
4. *Encourages* interested Parties to submit views on potential review considerations or needs for revisions to the rules of procedure by a deadline to be set by the ad hoc group;
5. *Requests* that the ad hoc group of experts assess the views already put forward by Parties, as well as any additional views received, and that it also take into consideration the current rules of procedure, including in the context of the continued effective smooth functioning of the Convention, and make recommendations on the need for revisions and, as appropriate, make related recommendations, based on this information;
6. *Requests* that the ad hoc group of legal experts undertake a legal assessment of any recommendations for revisions proposed by the ad hoc group of experts;
7. *Requests* that the Working Group on Strategies and Review discuss the review conclusions and the proposed changes to the rules of procedure, if any, at its sessions in 2022–2023, and report on progress at the forty-second session of the Executive Body, and that the ad hoc group of experts present its final recommendations for consideration by the Executive Body at its forty-third session.

¹ All Executive Body decisions referred to in the present decision are available at <https://unece.org/decisions>.