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Preparations for the Conference of the Parties

**DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
AND ITS SUBSIDIARY BODIES****

Note by the secretariat

1. At its sixth session, the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee considered the draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies, which it referred to its legal drafting group for review. As reported by the Chair of the legal working group, several items relevant to rules 6 (Participation of United Nations, specialized agencies and non-Parties), 7 (Participation of other bodies or agencies), 22 (Election of officers), 31 (Voting in subsidiary bodies), 46 (Majority required), and 47 (Order of voting on proposals) require policy decisions by the Committee. Those items are identified either by footnotes or by square brackets in the draft text of the legal drafting group.

2. The draft rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies as reviewed by the legal drafting group were given as annex III to document UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22. The secretariat is pleased to refer those draft rules to the Committee at its seventh session for clarification of the remaining unresolved items mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

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** Stockholm Convention, article 19, paragraph 4; Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Stockholm Convention, resolution 1, paragraphs 3 and 4; report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on its sixth session (UNEP/POPS/INC.6/22), paragraph 163 and annex III.

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