



Conference Room Paper by Palau on behalf of the 39 Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

Article 20bis – Subsidiary Bodies

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ARTICLE 20 bis

SUBSIDIARY BODIES

1. ~~The Conference of the Parties, at its first meeting, shall establish~~ A subsidiary body ~~or bodies~~ to provide scientific and technical information and assessments to support informed decision-making by the Conference of the Parties ~~of the Convention~~ **is hereby established. A second subsidiary body to review implementation of the Convention is hereby established.**
2. Each subsidiary body may establish committees, panels and sub-groups, as deemed necessary, to support its work.
3. The Conference of the Parties shall decide, **at its first meeting**, on the terms of reference, composition, organization and operation of each subsidiary body established pursuant to paragraph 1.