

Proposed by: the European Union and its 27 Member States

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Topic: Implementation and Compliance (article 13)¹

Clean text proposal:

ARTICLE 13 IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE

1. A Committee on Implementation and Compliance is hereby established to facilitate the implementation of, and promote compliance with, the provisions of this Convention. The Committee shall function in a manner that is transparent, facilitative, non-punitive, non-adversarial and expert-based.
2. The Committee may consider individual and systemic implementation and compliance issues on the basis of:
 - (a) Written submissions from any Party with respect to its own compliance and potential challenges it may experience in implementing the instrument;
 - (b) Requests from the Conference of the Parties;
 - (c) Information provided by the Secretariat with respect to national reports under Article 15.
3. The Committee shall assist the Conference of the Parties in the assessment and continuous review of the progress of implementation of the Convention and shall recommend actions and operations to enhance implementation by Parties.
4. The Committee shall consist of 17 members nominated by Parties and elected by the Conference of the Parties with recognized competence in fields relevant to this Convention, including legal or technical expertise, with three members from the five regional groups of the United Nations and two members from the small island developing States. The Committee and its members shall be independent, transparent, and free from conflicts of interest.
5. The Committee shall operate under the modalities and procedures adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting. The Committee shall elaborate its rules of procedure, which shall be subject to approval by the Conference of the Parties at its first session.
6. The Committee shall make every effort to adopt its recommendations by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted and no consensus is reached, such

¹ Additions in **bold red** and deletions are ~~strike through~~.

recommendations shall as a last resort be adopted by a three fourths majority vote of the members present and voting, based on a quorum of two thirds of the members.

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Amended version of the Chair text 01.12:

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