

**Proposed by: the European Union and its 27 Member States**

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**Topic: Review Committee (article 20bis)<sup>1</sup>**

Clean text proposal:

**ARTICLE 20 bis REVIEW COMMITTEE**

1. A technical Review Committee is hereby established as a subsidiary body to the Conference of the Parties.
2. The Review Committee shall perform the functions assigned to it under Article 3. The Review Committee shall also undertake any additional functions assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties, to support informed decision-making by the Conference of the Parties of the Convention.
3. The Review Committee may establish committees, panels and sub-groups, as deemed necessary, to support its work.
4. The Review Committee shall be composed of members serving in their expert capacity that are nominated and appointed by the Conference of the Parties, with suitable qualifications, taking into account the need for multidisciplinary expertise, including relevant scientific and technical expertise and expertise in relevant traditional and local knowledge, gender balance and equitable geographical representation.
5. The Review Committee shall operate under the modalities and procedures as adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting. The Review Committee shall elaborate its rules of procedure, which shall be subject to approval by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting.

Amended version of the Chair text 01.12:

**ARTICLE 20 bis Review Committee SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

- 1. A technical Review Committee is hereby established as a subsidiary body to the Conference of the Parties.**
- 2. The Review Committee shall perform the functions assigned to it under Article 3. The Review Committee shall also undertake any additional functions assigned to it by the Conference of the Parties, ~~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.~~**

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<sup>1</sup> Additions in **bold** and deletions are strike through

3. **The Review Committee** ~~Each subsidiary body~~ may establish committees, panels and sub-groups, as deemed necessary, to support its work.
4. **The Review Committee shall be composed of members serving in their expert capacity that are nominated and appointed by the Conference of the Parties, with suitable qualifications, taking into account the need for multidisciplinary expertise, including relevant scientific and technical expertise and expertise in relevant traditional and local knowledge, gender balance and equitable geographical representation.**
5. **The Review Committee shall operate under the modalities and procedures as adopted by the** Conference of the Parties ~~shall at its first meeting. The Review Committee shall elaborate its rules of procedure, which shall be subject to approval by the Conference of the Parties at its first meeting. decide on the terms of reference, composition, organization and operation of each subsidiary body established pursuant to paragraph 1.~~