

## Submission of the Russian Federation

### Contact Group 4

#### Article 21

##### **Secretariat (Article 21)**

1. A Secretariat is hereby established.
2. The functions of the Secretariat shall be to:
  - (a) Prepare and arrange for meetings of the Conference of the Parties, and subsidiary bodies, and to provide them with services as required;
  - (b) Facilitate, upon request, the provision of assistance to Parties, particularly developing country Parties and Parties with economies in transition to support their implementation of this Convention;
  - (c) Prepare and make available to the Parties periodic reports based on Article 15 on reporting and Article 13 on implementation and compliance;
  - (d) Coordinate its activities, as appropriate, with the Secretariats of other relevant international bodies and instruments;
  - (e) Enter, under the overall guidance of the Conference of the Parties, into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions; and
  - (f) Perform the other secretariat functions specified in this Convention and such other functions as may be determined by the Conference of the Parties.
3. The secretariat functions for this instrument shall be performed by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme unless the Conference of the Parties decides, by a three-fourths majority of the Parties present and voting, to entrust the secretariat functions to ~~one or more other international organizations~~ **[another international organization]**.