

INC-5.2 Proposal of the United States of America

Article 21 Secretariat

1. [as is]
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 **information received pursuant to** Article 15 ~~on reporting~~ and Article 13 ~~on implementation and compliance~~, **as appropriate**;
 - (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 **and**;
 - (g) **Assist Parties, as appropriate, in the exchange of information related to the implementation of the instrument.**
3. [as is]