Submission by Norway

Part V Institutional arrangements

1. **Conference of the Parties** [Based on Minamata art. 23 with addition from BBNJ art. 47 no. 5 and the Stockholm Convention art 19 no. 6]

1. A Conference of the Parties is hereby established.

2. The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties shall be convened by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme no later than one year after the date of entry into force of this Convention. Thereafter, ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at regular intervals to be decided by the Conference.

3. Extraordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at such other times as may be deemed necessary by the Conference, or at the written request of any Party, provided that, within six months of the request being communicated to the Parties by the Secretariat, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.

4. The Conference of the Parties shall by consensus agree upon and adopt at its first meeting rules of procedure and financial rules for itself and any of its subsidiary bodies, as well as financial provisions governing the functioning of the Secretariat.

5. The Conference of the Parties shall make every effort to adopt decisions and recommendations by consensus. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, if all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted, decisions and recommendations of the Conference of the Parties on questions of substance shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting, and decisions on questions of procedure shall be adopted by a majority of the Parties present and voting.[BBNJ addition - BBNJ art 47 number 5]

6. The Conference of the Parties shall keep under continuous review and evaluation the implementation of this Convention. It shall perform the functions assigned to it by this Convention and, to that end, shall:
   (a) Establish such subsidiary bodies as it considers necessary for the implementation of this Convention;
   (b) Cooperate, where appropriate, with competent international organizations and intergovernmental and non-governmental bodies;
   (c) Regularly review all information made available to it and to the Secretariat pursuant to Article XX;
   (d) Consider any recommendations submitted to it by the Implementation and Compliance Committee;
   (e) Consider and undertake any additional action that may be required for the achievement of the objectives of this Convention; and
   (f) Review Annexes XX pursuant to Article XX and Article XX
   (g) Consider and adopt protocols as required [Basel addition, Art. 15 para 5 d]

7. The Conference of the Parties shall, at its first meeting, establish a subsidiary body to be called the XX for the purposes of performing the functions assigned to that Committee by this Convention. In this regard:
   (a) The members of the X Committee shall be appointed by the Conference of the Parties. Membership of the Committee shall consist of [government-designated experts in X field of expertise]. The members of the Committee shall be appointed on the basis of equitable geographical distribution;
   (b) The Conference of the Parties shall decide on the terms of reference, organization and operation of the Committee; and
   (c) The Committee shall make every effort to adopt its recommendations by consensus. If all efforts at consensus have been exhausted, and no consensus reached, such recommendation shall as a last resort be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and voting.[Stockholm addition, Art. 19 para 6]

8. The United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as any State not a Party to this convention, may be represented at meetings of the Conference of the Parties as observers. Any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, that is qualified in matters covered by this convention and has informed the secretariat of its wish to be represented at a meeting of the Conference of the Parties as an observer may be admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present object.
The admission and participation of observers shall be subject to the rules of procedure adopted by the Conference of the Parties.

2. **Subsidiary bodies**

[No text, included in COP-article above]

3. **Secretariat [Based on Minamata art. 23]**

1. A Secretariat is hereby established.

2. The functions of the Secretariat shall be:
   - (a) To make arrangements for meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and to provide them with services as required;
   - (b) To facilitate assistance to Parties, including developing country Parties, with a particular attention given to Least-Developed Countries and SIDS, on request, in the implementation of this Convention;
   - (c) To coordinate, as appropriate, with the secretariats of relevant international bodies, particularly other chemicals and waste conventions;
   - (d) To assist Parties in the exchange of information related to the implementation of this Convention;
   - (e) To prepare and make available to the Parties periodic reports based on information received pursuant to Articles XX other available information;
   - (f) To 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
   - (g) To 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 Convention 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.

4. The Conference of the Parties, in consultation with appropriate international bodies, may provide for enhanced cooperation and coordination between the Secretariat and the secretariats of other chemicals and wastes conventions. The Conference of the Parties, in consultation with appropriate international bodies, may provide further guidance on this matter.