

Decision 11/COP.9

Additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention – Terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a), (c), (d) and (h) of the Convention,

Recalling also article 23, paragraph 2 (a), (b), and (c), and article 26 of the Convention,

Recalling further decision 1/COP.5 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist in the review of the implementation of the Convention,

Aware of decision 7/COP.8 on additional procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the Conference of the Parties in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention, as well as chapter C of decision 3/COP.8 and chapter VI.B of its annex,

Taking into consideration decision 13/COP.9 on procedures for the communication of information and review of implementation,

Taking also into consideration decision 12/COP.9 on performance review and assessment of implementation of the Convention and of the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018)(The Strategy),

Recognizing that regional meetings play an important role in the review of progress made and make a useful contribution to the implementation of the Convention and The Strategy,

1. *Decides* to establish the Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention (CRIC) as a standing subsidiary body of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to assist the COP in regularly reviewing implementation of the Convention and The Strategy;
2. *Decides furthermore* that the COP shall, no later than at its fourteenth session (2019), review the terms of reference of the CRIC, its operations and its schedule of meetings with a view to making any necessary modifications, including reconsidering the need for and modalities of the CRIC as a subsidiary body;
3. *Decides also* to adopt the terms of reference of the CRIC as contained in the annex to this decision;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to review the provisions for regional meetings in preparation for the meetings of the CRIC, as contained in its biennial costed work programme, and seek financial contributions to enable those regional meetings to occur;

5. *Invites* developed country Parties, relevant international organizations and financial institutions, to provide technical and financial contributions to the review process;
6. *Decides* that the CRIC through its Bureau shall prepare appropriate modalities, criteria and terms of reference for the mid-term evaluation of The Strategy undertaken by the COP;
7. *Decides also* that the terms of reference of the mid-term evaluation should include inter alia the following items to be discussed at the tenth session of the CRIC, with a view to their adoption at the tenth session of the COP:
 - (a) The review of the performance review and assessment of implementation system (PRAIS);
 - (b) The assessment and monitoring of CRIC performance and effectiveness.
8. *Decides furthermore* that the ninth session of the CRIC shall be held not earlier than November 2010;
9. *Requests* the secretariat to circulate in all official languages at least six weeks prior to the session of the CRIC appropriate documentation for that session;
10. *Declares* no longer in force decision 1/COP.5 and all such provisions relating to procedures or institutional mechanisms to assist the COP in regularly reviewing the implementation of the Convention that are inconsistent with those contained in the present decision.

*9th plenary meeting
2 October 2009*