

## **OEWG-9/2: Options for the operations of the Open-ended Working Group**

*The Open-ended Working Group,*

*Noting* the desire by parties to ensure a transparent, inclusive and efficient decision-making process in the Open-ended Working Group allowing for all regions to participate effectively in discussions,

*Recognizing* the broad scope of the mandate of the Open-ended Working Group, covering technical, legal and strategic issues in preparation for discussions at the meetings of the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Welcomes* the analysis prepared by the Secretariat on possible options for future institutional arrangements;<sup>1</sup>
2. *Invites* parties and others to submit any comments on the arrangements that were made for the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group to the Secretariat by 30 November 2014;
3. *Requests* the Secretariat to compile any comments received from parties and others pursuant to the preceding paragraph and to submit them to the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting for its consideration;
4. *Concludes* that, together with the comments submitted in paragraph 2 above, the analysis would provide a sound basis for a decision by the Conference of the Parties on options for future institutional arrangements for the operations of the Open-ended Working Group;
5. *Notes* that varying views on options were expressed by parties at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group;
6. *Agrees* that the experiences with the arrangements for the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group should be taken into account before a decision is made on future institutional arrangements for the operations of the Open-ended Working Group;
7. *Recommends* that the Conference of the Parties at its twelfth meeting adopt a decision on future institutional arrangements for the operations of the Open-ended Working Group, taking into account:
  - (a) The analysis prepared by the Secretariat;<sup>2</sup>
  - (b) Comments submitted by parties and others before the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group;<sup>3</sup>
  - (c) Comments submitted by parties and others pursuant to paragraph 2 above;
  - (d) Views expressed by parties at the ninth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group, including with regard to the importance of interpretation for non-English-speaking countries.

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<sup>1</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/5, annex.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> UNEP/CHW/OEWG.9/INF/5.