

VIII/29: Designation of competent authorities and focal points

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision VII/11 on competent authorities and focal points,

1. *Calls on* Parties to designate competent authorities and focal points for the Convention, if they have not done so, and to submit formal designations to the Secretariat by fax or post, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
2. *Urges* Parties to provide up-to-date contact details of competent authorities and focal points to the Secretariat to ensure the efficient transmission of information;
3. *Requests* Parties that have designated multiple competent authorities to make sufficient information available regarding the functions and geographical area covered by each of its competent authorities;
4. *Invites* non-Parties and interested organizations to identify contact persons for the Convention, if they have not done so, and to submit the relevant information to the Secretariat, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
5. *Requests* the Secretariat to continue to maintain the list of competent authorities and focal points and to post it on the Convention website to facilitate communications concerning matters related to the Convention.