

SC-5/1: Amendment to rule 22 of the rules of procedure

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision SC-1/1,

Recognizing the benefits of electing the President of the Conference of the Parties so that it will be possible for the Secretariat to work during the intersessional period with the President chairing the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

1. *Decides* to amend rule 22 of the rules of procedure to read as follows:

“Rule 22

1. At each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a President and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall act as Rapporteur, shall be elected from among the representatives of the Parties present at the meeting. These officers shall serve as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. They shall commence their terms of office at the closure of the meeting at which they are elected and remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any intervening extraordinary meeting. Each of the five United Nations regional groups shall be represented by two members.

2. The offices of the President and Rapporteur shall normally be subject to rotation among the United Nations regional groups. No elected officer may serve on the Bureau for more than two consecutive terms.

3. The President shall participate in meetings of the Conference of the Parties in that capacity and shall not at the same time exercise the rights of a representative of a Party. The Party concerned shall designate another representative who shall be entitled to represent the Party in the meetings and to exercise the right to vote.

4. The chairs of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee and any other subsidiary bodies shall be members *ex-officio* of the Bureau.”;

2. *Requests* the Secretariat to issue a consolidated version of the rules of procedure indicating the above amendment.
