



9th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
18 – 19 September 2013, Trondheim, Norway

DRAFT REPORT OF THE 8th MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
18 May 2012, La Rochelle, France

Agenda item 1. Introductory remarks

Opening the meeting, the outgoing chair of the Standing Committee, Mr. Øystein Størkersen (Norway), welcomed the newly elected members of the Standing Committee.

Agenda item 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Størkersen referred participants to document StC 8.1 *Provisional agenda*, which was approved without amendments.

Agenda item 3. Election of officials to fill the posts of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee for the triennium 2012-2015

Mr. Størkersen indicated that, in consultations among the AEWA Parties in Europe, it had been proposed that he should continue as chair for a second term, also considering that this had been the case for other chairs of the Committee in the past. He was, however, aware that another member of the Committee, Uganda, had been proposed for the chair. He invited comments from the members of the Committee.

Mr. Akankwasah Barirega (Uganda) explained that his candidature had been proposed by other African members in a general perspective of rotation of the chair. He was not however seeking for a confrontation among candidates and for an election through a vote, and expressed his preference for a decision by consensus.

Mr. Ammar Boumezbeur (Algeria) acknowledged that the previous chair of the Standing Committee, Tanzania, had remained in charge for two terms. However, considering the importance given to the African Initiative by MOP5, he was seeing a merit in the Standing Committee being chaired by a member from the African continent. He was therefore supporting the candidature of Uganda.

At the invitation of the chair, the Acting Executive Secretary reported that, while the Rules of Procedure provided for the possibility of an election of the chair through a vote, this had, in practice, never been the case, and previous chairs had always been elected by consensus.

Mr. Gerard van Dijk (the Netherlands) expressed his preference for a decision by consensus.

At the suggestion of the Secretariat, the chair called for a pause in the work of the meeting to allow consultations among the members of the Committee.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, Mr. Barirega, speaking also on behalf of the other members from the African region, indicated that he was ready to withdraw his candidature with a view to allowing a decision

by consensus. In doing so, he expressed the wish that a principle of regional rotation of the chair be integrated in the Rules of Procedure.

Mr Størkersen (Norway) was elected as chair of the Standing Committee for the period between MOP5 and MOP6 by consensus.

Mr. Storkersen thanked the other members of the Committee for their confidence, and solicited nominations for the position of vice-chair.

Ms. Marianne Courouble (France) nominated Mr. Akankwasah Barirega (Uganda) as Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee. The nomination was accepted by Mr. Barirega, and was approved by consensus.

Agenda item 4. Revised Rules of Procedure for the Standing Committee

The chair invited the Secretariat to present a proposal for revision of the Rules of Procedure, while noting that probably at least some of the members had not had enough time to examine the proposal in sufficient detail.

Referring to document StC 8.2 *Rules of Procedure of the AEWA Standing Committee*, the Acting Executive Secretary explained that the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure consisted in integrating into the Rules, tasks for the Standing Committee that had already been agreed by the AEWA MOP, and the responsibilities of the regional members of the Committee as they had been agreed by the 7th meeting of the Standing Committee (Bergen, Norway, 26-27 November 2011). In this regard, the proposed amendments did not include anything new. However, considering that the proposed amendments had no influence on the intersessional functioning of the Standing Committee, he did not see any inconvenience in postponing the consideration of the proposed revision to the next meeting of the Standing Committee, if members so preferred.

The chair concurred with the explanations provided by the Secretariat, and sought the opinion of the members on whether they wanted to consider the proposed amendments at the present meeting, or rather postpone their examination to the next meeting.

Mr. Gerard van Dijk (the Netherlands) sought for clarification about some of the responsibilities of the regional members of the Committee, particularly related to the distribution of documents to the Parties.

The chair concurred that some refinement of the amendments could be desirable.

Ms. Marianne Courouble (France) and Mr. Ammar Boumezbeur (Algeria) expressed a preference for postponing the examination of the proposed amendments to the next meeting.

The chair concluded that the proposed amendments will be examined at the beginning of the 9th Meeting of the Standing Committee.

Agenda item 5. Date and venue of the 9th Meeting of the Standing Committee

The Acting Executive Secretary suggested holding the 9th Meeting of the Standing Committee during the second half of 2013, preferably in September after the summer holiday break. He also indicated that the subsequent meeting of the Standing Committee could be convened three to four months before the 6th Session of the Meeting of the Parties (MOP6), with a view to allow the Standing Committee to review the various proposals and draft resolutions submitted for the consideration of MOP6.

Ms. Marianne Courouble supported the proposal of convening the last meeting before the MOP6 four months in advance, to give the Secretariat sufficient time to finalize the documents and take care of other organizational arrangements.

Having no further comments, Mr. Størkersen concluded that the proposal of the Secretariat to hold the 9th Meeting of the Standing Committee in September 2013 was retained. He indicated his willingness to explore the possibility of hosting the meeting in Trondheim, Norway.

Agenda item 6. Any other business

There was no other business.

Agenda item 7. Closure of the meeting

After the customary exchange of courtesies, the chair declared the meeting closed at 17.30.

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