

OUTCOME OF THE OPEN-ENDED CONSULTATIONS ON THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Working basis on composition and decision-making process

During the 1989 session, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee carried out private and open-ended consultations on the composition and decision-making process of the Executive Council.

This paper contains the preliminary outcome of these consultations. It is presented with the aim of facilitating the further consideration of this issue. It should be stressed that delegations involved in the consultations accepted, as a working basis only, a hypothetical Executive Council of 25 members, then proceeded to examine issues associated with the Executive Council on that basis. Neither the basic hypothesis nor the options discussed about size, composition, allocation of seats and decision-making process, nor any of the positions formulated during the consultations constitute agreement; they do not necessarily represent any delegation's national position.

A. Size 1/

1. The Executive Council shall be composed of (25?) 2/ States Parties to the Convention, (with ... members?) elected for a (3?)-year term.
2. (8/9?) members shall be elected every (?) years(s). 3/
3. Monthly rotating chairmanship / or Chairman elected for (1?) year by the Executive Council/or the Conference of the States Parties; / or the Chairman of the Conference of the States Parties shall serve as a non-voting Chairman of the Executive Council.

B. Composition

Taking into account the eligibility of each State Party to serve on the Executive Council and the need to ensure an equitable balance in membership, its composition:

1. shall be based on the representation of the five regional groups of the United Nations;
2. and on / the national capacity in the relevant 4/ chemical industry / and on / the political factor/

1/ The possibility of a specific decision on change in size of the Executive Council to be provided for in advance has been discussed.

2/ Proposals made range from 15 to 35.

3/ The subjects of re-election and of non-elected members have been discussed.

4/ The view was expressed that the word "relevant" should be further discussed.