

VIII. CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE */

A. Establishment of the Consultative Committee

1. There is hereby established the Consultative Committee.
2. The Consultative Committee shall be the principal organ of the Convention.
3. The first session of the Consultative Committee shall be convened by the Depositary at [venue] not later than 30 days after the entry into force of the Convention.

B. Composition, procedure and decision-making

1. The Consultative Committee shall be composed of all the States Parties to this Convention. Each State Party to this Convention shall have one representative in the Consultative Committee, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.
2. The Consultative Committee shall meet in regular annual sessions and in such special sessions as may be convened at the request of ... members of the Consultative Committee or of the Executive Council or as provided in Article IX of the Convention.
3. Sessions shall take place at the seat of the Consultative Committee unless it decides otherwise.
4. The Consultative Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure. At the beginning of each regular session, it shall elect its Chairman and such other officers as may be required. They shall hold office until a new Chairman and other officers are elected at the next regular session.
5. A majority of the members of the Consultative Committee shall constitute a quorum.
6. Each member of the Consultative Committee shall have one vote.
- [[7. Decisions on questions of procedure, including decisions to convene special sessions of the Consultative Committee, shall be taken by a simple majority.
8. Decisions on questions of substance shall be taken by [a two-third majority] [consensus]. When the issue arises as to whether a question is one of substance or not, that question shall be treated as one of substance unless otherwise decided by the Consultative Committee by the majority required for decisions on questions of substance.]]

[[7. All decisions shall be taken by a two-third majority.]]

*/ Some delegations suggested that the question of how the expenses of the Consultative Committee shall be met needs to be addressed within the Convention at an appropriate time.