

5. The Commission shall elect a Chairperson and a vice-Chairperson from among the representatives of Contracting Parties, who shall each be from a different Contracting Party. They shall be elected for a period of two years and shall be eligible for reelection, but shall not serve for more than four years in succession in the same capacity. The Chairperson and the vice-Chairperson shall remain in office until the election of their successors.
6. The Commission shall apply the principle of cost-effectiveness to the frequency, duration and scheduling of meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.
7. The Commission shall have international legal personality and such legal capacity as may be necessary to perform its functions and achieve its objectives. The privileges and immunities that the Commission and its officers shall enjoy in the territory of a Contracting Party shall be determined by agreement between the Commission and the Contracting Party concerned.
8. All meetings of the Commission and subsidiary bodies shall be open to participation by accredited observers in accordance with Rules of Procedure that the Commission shall adopt. Related documents shall be made publicly available in accordance with such Rules of Procedure.
9. The Commission may establish a permanent Secretariat consisting of an Executive Secretary and other such staff as the Commission may require and/or enter into contractual arrangements with the Secretariat of an existing organization for the provision of services. Any Executive Secretary shall be appointed with the approval of the Contracting Parties.

Article 6

Subsidiary Bodies

1. A Scientific Committee and a Technical and Compliance Committee are hereby established. The Commission may establish by consensus any other subsidiary bodies from time to time to assist in meeting the objective of this Convention.
2. Each subsidiary body shall, after each meeting, provide a report on its work to the Commission that includes, where appropriate, advice and recommendations to the Commission.
3. Subsidiary bodies may establish working groups and may seek external advice in accordance with any guidance provided by the Commission.
4. Subsidiary bodies shall be responsible to the Commission and shall operate under the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, unless the Commission decides otherwise.