

Appendix I. Preparatory Commission

The Commission should include one representative from each signatory. The Preparatory Commission should remain in existence until the Convention comes into force and thereafter until the first meeting of the Consultative Committee. Its actions must be consistent with the principles and objectives of the Convention.

Specific provisions should be made for meeting the expenses of the Preparatory Commission.

The Preparatory Commission should:

(a) elect its own officers, adopt its own rules of procedure, meet as often as necessary, determine its own place of meeting and establish such committees as it deems necessary;

(b) appoint an executive secretary and staff, who should exercise powers and perform such duties as the Commission determines;

(c) make arrangements for the first session of the Consultative Committee, including preparing a provisional agenda, drafting rules of procedure, and choosing the site;

(d) make studies, reports and recommendations for the consideration of the Consultative Committee at its first meeting on procedural matters of concern to the Committee which would require immediate attention, including:

- (1) financing of the activities for which the Committee is responsible;
- (2) the programmes and budget for the first year of the Committee's activities;
- (3) technical problems relevant to advance planning of Committee activities;
- (4) staffing of the Secretariat;
- (5) the location of the permanent offices of the Committee.

The Preparatory Commission should submit a comprehensive report on its activities to the Consultative Committee at the Committee's first session.