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**Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties
and its subsidiary bodies**

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Note by the secretariat

1. At its first meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted, in decision SC-1/1, the rules of procedure for the Conference as contained in the annex to that decision, with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 1 of rule 45, which it agreed to maintain in square brackets to indicate that it had not been agreed and was of no effect.
2. Paragraph 1 of rule 45 reads as follows:
“The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. [If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting, unless otherwise provided by the Convention, by the financial rules referred to in paragraph 4 of Article 19 of the Convention or by the present rules of procedure.]”

Possible action by the Conference

3. The Conference may wish to continue its consideration of paragraph 1 of rule 45 of its rules of procedure.

* UNEP/POPS/COP.2/1.

** Stockholm Convention, Article 19, paragraph 4; Report of the Conference of the Parties on the work of its first meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.1/31), annex I, decision SC-1/1.