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DECISION

AMENDMENTS TO THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY COMMISSION

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling its decision approving the operating procedures of the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes Related to Confidentiality (hereinafter “the Confidentiality Commission”) (C-III/DEC.10/Rev.1, dated 2 December 2004);

Recalling also Rule 47 of those operating procedures, which states that decisions on proposals for amendments shall be treated as decisions on matters of substance, and that proposals agreed to shall be recommended to the Conference of the States Parties (hereinafter “the Conference”) for adoption; and

Bearing in mind the recommendation in the report of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Confidentiality Commission that the Conference adopt the amendments proposed in that report (subparagraphs 12.1 to 12.3 of CC-15/1 dated 24 May 2013);

Hereby:

1. **Approves** the amendments to the operating procedures of the Confidentiality Commission annexed hereto.
2. **Extends** the terms of office of the current members of the Confidentiality Commission from 31 December 2014 to 30 April 2015 to take account of the amended date of appointment of the new members of the Confidentiality Commission.

Annex:

Amendments to the Operating Procedures of the Confidentiality Commission



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Previous Text	Explanation	New Text
<p>Rule 3 - Term of office</p> <p>After expiration of the terms of appointment of the members of the first Confidentiality Commission in accordance with the Confidentiality Policy Rules, the members of the Confidentiality Commission shall be appointed by the Conference every two years at its regular annual session. Members shall take up their appointment for a period of two years starting from 1 January in the year immediately following the session of the Conference at which they were appointed. A person who has completed three consecutive terms as a member of the Confidentiality Commission shall not be eligible for immediate re appointment.</p>	<p>This will move the date of the appointment of members of the Confidentiality Commission closer to the actual session of the Confidentiality Commission.</p>	<p>Rule 3 - Term of office</p> <p>After expiration of the terms of appointment of the members of the first Confidentiality Commission in accordance with the Confidentiality Policy Rules, the members of the Confidentiality Commission shall be appointed by the Conference every two years at its regular annual session. Members shall take up their appointment for a period of two years starting from 1 May in the year immediately following the session of the Conference at which they were appointed. A person who has completed three consecutive terms as a member of the Confidentiality Commission shall not be eligible for immediate re appointment.</p>
<p>Rule 6 - Quorum</p> <p>Fourteen of the members of the Confidentiality Commission shall constitute a quorum.</p>	<p>This change will lower the number of members needed to constitute a quorum while maintaining the regional representation.</p>	<p>Rule 6 - Quorum</p> <p>(a) Fourteen of the members of the Confidentiality Commission shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>(b) In the event that 14 members are not present during the regular annual meetings of the Confidentiality Commission, 12 of the members of the Confidentiality Commission shall constitute a quorum, provided that all regional groups are represented.</p>