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DECISION

**AMENDMENT OF RULE 54 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES**

The Conference of the States Parties,

Recalling that, under established international practice, Members have precedence over other delegations in taking the floor during meetings of the policy-making organs of international organisations;

Hereby:

Amends Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

“No representative may address the Conference without having previously obtained the permission of the presiding officer. Subject to Rule 55, the presiding officer shall call upon speakers in the order they signify their desire to speak. Signatory States shall be called upon to speak after the last Member has spoken. The presiding officer may call a speaker to order if his or her remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.”

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