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**COMMITTEE OF THE REVISED CONVENTION ON THE RECOGNITION OF
STUDIES, **

**CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, DEGREES AND OTHER ACADEMIC
QUALIFICATIONS IN **

HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICAN STATES

Third session

17 Rules of Procedure 11

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**Acronyms and Abbreviations **

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Annex Convention
Convention Committee
Definition of regions with a view to the execution by the Organization of regional activities
Date and Place

5.1 The Convention Committee shall determine at each session, in consultation with the Director-General, the date and place of the next session. The Bureau may, if necessary, modify the date and/or place, in consultation with the Director-General. The Director-General shall communicate such date to all Parties and observers.

5.2 Unless the date has been decided by the Convention Committee, the Director-General shall determine the date of the extraordinary session. The Director-General shall communicate such date to all Parties and observers.

5.3 Any Party may invite the Convention Committee to hold an ordinary session in its territory.

Rule 6 - Online sessions

6.1 The Convention Committee may hold online sessions only during periods of emergency or in exceptional circumstances rendering* in ****praesentia**** *meetings impracticable.

6.2 At an ordinary or extraordinary session, the Convention Committee may decide to hold an online session by a two-thirds majority of Parties present and voting.

6.3 Should at least one third of the Parties propose the holding of an online session while the Convention Committee is not in session, the Director-General shall consult all the Parties by correspondence. The Convention Committee shall hold an online session, unless one third of the Parties to the Convention disagrees to the proposal.

Rule 7 Powers and duties of the President

12.1 In addition to exercising the powers and duties which are conferred upon him/her elsewhere by the present Rules of Procedure, the President shall open and close each plenary meeting of the Convention Committee. He/She shall direct the discussions, ensure observance of the present Rules of Procedure, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He/She or he shall rule on points of order and, subject to the present Rules of Procedure, shall control the proceedings and the maintenance of order. He/She shall not vote, but he/she may instruct another member of his/her delegation to vote in her or his place.

12.2 Should the President be absent during a meeting, or part thereof, his/her powers and duties shall be exercised by one of the two Vice-Presidents, selected according to the English alphabetical order of the Members of the Bureau commencing with the country of the President. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

V. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Rule 13 - Quorum

13.1 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Parties to the Convention referred to in Rule 2 and represented at the

Convention Committee.

13.2 The Convention Committee shall not decide on any matter unless a quorum is present.

Rule 14 - Public nature of meetings

14.1 Meetings shall be held in public, unless decided otherwise by the Convention Committee. 14.2 Any decision taken by the Convention Committee at a private meeting shall be announced at a subsequent public meeting.

Rule 15 - Subsidiary bodies and technical committees

15.1 The Convention Committee shall establish any subsidiary body and any technical committee as necessary for the accomplishment of its tasks, by defining their composition, powers and mandate.

15.2 The present Rules of Procedure shall apply mutatis mutandis to the subsidiary bodies and technical committees, if applicable.

Rule 16 - Order and time-limit of speeches

16.1 The President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their wish to speak. 16.2 The President may limit the time to be allowed to each speaker when circumstances make this desirable.

16.3 The consent of the President must be obtained whenever an observer wishes to address the Convention Committee.

Rule 17 - Draft resolutions and amendments

17.1 Draft resolutions and amendments may be proposed by the Parties and shall be transmitted in writing to the Secretariat, which shall circulate them to all participants.

17.2 As a general rule, no draft resolution or amendment shall be discussed or put to the vote unless it has been circulated reasonably in advance to all participants.

Rule 18 - Points of order

18.1 During a discussion of any matter, a Party may rise to a point of order and the point of order shall be immediately ruled

by the President.

18.2 A Party may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be put to the vote immediately, and the President Order of voting on proposals

32.1 If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Convention Committee decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. 16 The Convention Committee may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

32.2 A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall have priority over that proposal.

Rule 33 - Voting on amendments

33.1 When an amendment to a proposal is moved, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments to a proposal are moved, the President shall put them to the vote, starting with the amendment deemed by him/her to be the furthest removed in substance from the original proposal, and so on. In case of doubt, the President shall consult the Convention Committee.

33.2 If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be put to the vote.

33.3 A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal.

Rule 34 - Meaning of the expression

For the purpose of the present Rules of Procedure, the expression means Parties casting an affirmative or negative vote. Parties who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

VIII. SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Rule 35 - Secretariat

35.1 The Secretariat of the Convention Committee shall be

provided by the Director-General of UNESCO.

35.2 The Director-General of UNESCO or his/her representative shall participate, without the right to vote, in the work of the Convention Committee, of its Bureau and of the subsidiary bodies and technical committees. The Secretariat may at any time make oral or written statements to the Convention Committee, to the Bureau or to any subsidiary body and technical committee.

35.3 The Secretariat shall prepare the documentation of the Convention Committee and assist in the execution of the decisions of the Convention Committee.

35.4 The Director-General of UNESCO shall place at the disposal of the Convention Committee a member of the Secretariat who shall act as Secretary of the Convention Committee, together with the staff and other facilities necessary for the work of the Convention Committee.

35.5 The Secretary of the Convention Committee shall attend all meetings of the Convention Committee, of the Bureau and of the subsidiary bodies and technical committees.

IX. ADOPTION, AMENDMENT AND SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 36 - Adoption

The Convention Committee shall adopt its Rules of Procedure by a decision taken by a simple majority of the Parties present and voting.

Rule 37 - Amendment

The Convention Committee may amend the present Rules of Procedure, except when they reproduce provisions of the Convention, by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting.

Rule 38 - Suspension A Rule of Procedure, except when they

reproduce provisions of the Convention, may be suspended by a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the Parties present and voting.

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