

IV/2. Guidance elements for bilateral, multilateral and regional  
agreements or arrangements

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The Conference

1. Takes note of the draft guidance elements developed by the Technical Working Group;
2. Extends the mandate of its Technical Working Group and gives a mandate to the Consultative Sub-group of Legal and Technical Experts and requests these two groups to cooperate closely on this subject with a view:
  - (a) To further elaborating on the text of the draft guidance elements;
  - (b) To presenting to the next meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Committee the revised draft elements for adoption by the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
3. Encourages Parties and States non-parties to refer to the draft guidance elements when considering bilateral, multilateral or regional agreements or arrangements.