

Decision 36/CP.7

Improving the participation of women in the representation of Parties in bodies established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change or the Kyoto Protocol

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling the Beijing Declaration of the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women which recognizes that women's empowerment and their full participation on the basis of equality in all spheres of society, including participation in decision-making processes and access to power, are fundamental for the achievement of equality, development and peace,

Recalling further that the Beijing Declaration called on governments, the United Nations system and regional and international institutions to contribute to the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action,

Noting that improvement in the gender balance of officers elected to the bodies established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol would be one such contribution to the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action,

Having considered the need for Parties to take into account the need for more equitable representation of female and male officers elected to the bodies established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol,

Urging Parties to take the measures necessary to enable women to participate fully in all levels of decision making relevant to climate change,

1. *Invites* Parties to give active consideration to the nomination of women for elective posts in any body established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to bring this decision to the attention of Parties whenever a vacancy arises for any elective post in any body established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol;
3. *Further requests* the secretariat to maintain information on the gender composition of each body with elective posts established under the Convention or the Kyoto Protocol, and to bring this information to the attention of the Parties whenever such a vacancy occurs.

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