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### **Note by the secretariat**

1. At its first meeting, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 September 2004, in decision RC-1/1, the Conference adopted the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties as contained in the annex to that decision, with the exception of the second sentence of paragraph 1 of rule 45.
2. Paragraph 1 of rule 45 reads as follows: “The Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus. [If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement has been reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting, unless otherwise provided by the Convention, by the financial rules referred to in article 18, paragraph 4 of the Convention or by the present rules of procedure.]”
3. The Conference may wish to continue its consideration of that rule.

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