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**Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a  
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**  
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Agenda item 3  
**Consideration of the draft rules of procedure for the  
Conference of the Parties to the United Nations  
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime**

## **Proposals and contributions received from Governments**

**Japan: amendments to rules 1, 3, 15-17, 30, 32-34, 39, 40, 43 and  
58 and chapter XVI of the draft rules of procedure and proposal  
for a new rule**

### **Rule 1: Use of terms**

#### *Subparagraph (f)*

1. Japan proposes to delete subparagraph (f).

### **Rule 3: Regular sessions**

#### *Paragraph 1*

2. It is proposed to amend paragraph 1 to read:

“1. The Conference shall meet in regular sessions, which shall be held  
once every two years unless it decides otherwise.”

### **Rule 15: Participation of non-signatories**

#### *Paragraph 2*

3. It is proposed to amend paragraph 2 (a) to read:

“(a) Attend plenary meetings of the Conference;”

### **Rule 16: Participation of entities and international and regional organizations**

#### *Paragraph 3*

4. It is proposed to amend paragraph 3 (a) to read:



“(a) Attend plenary meetings of the Conference;”

**Rule 17: Participation of non-governmental organizations**

*Paragraph 2*

5. It is proposed to amend paragraph 2 (a) to read:

“(a) Attend plenary meetings of the Conference;”

**Rule 30: Composition and functions**

6. It is proposed to delete the last sentence of rule 30.

**Rule 32: Duties of the Secretary-General**

7. It is proposed to amend the first sentence of rule 32 to read: “The Secretary-General shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Conference.”

**Rule 33: Duties of the secretariat**

8. It is proposed to amend rule 33 to read:

“1. In addition to the functions specified in article 33 of the Convention, the secretariat shall receive, translate, reproduce and distribute documents, reports and decisions of the Conference; interpret speeches made at the meetings; prepare, print and circulate the records of the session; have custody and proper preservation of the documents in the archives of the Conference; and, generally, perform all other work that the Conference may require.

“2. The secretariat shall perform the functions foreseen in paragraph 1 above.”

**Rule 34: Official and working languages**

9. It is proposed to amend rule 34 to read:

“Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be both the official and the working languages of the Conference.”

**Rule 39: Sound recordings of meetings**

10. It is proposed to amend rule 39 to read:

“Sound recordings of the meetings of the Conference shall be made by the secretariat.”

**Rule 40: General principles**

11. It is proposed to amend rule 40 to read:

“1. All meetings of the Conference except plenary meetings shall be held with participation of States Parties and signatory States unless the Conference decides otherwise.

“2. As a general rule, meetings of the bureau and of others with limited membership shall be held in private unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

“3. Decisions taken by the Conference except those taken at plenary meetings shall be announced at the following plenary meeting.”

**Rule 43: Precedence**

12. It is proposed to delete rule 43.

**Rule 58: Decisions on matters of substance**

13. It is proposed to add the following sentence at the end of rule 58: “Decisions related to budgetary issues are considered decisions on matters of substance.”

**Proposed new rule**

14. It is proposed to add a new rule after rule 60 as follows:

*“Rule [...] Decisions related to budgetary issues*

*“Decisions of the Conference related to budgetary issues shall be taken by consensus.”*

**Chapter XVI. Subsidiary bodies**

15. It is proposed to delete chapter XVI.
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