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**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

Germany: amendment to rule 58 of the draft rules of procedure

Rule 58: Decisions on matters of substance

Germany proposes to amend rule 58 to read as follows:

“Rule 58

“Decisions on matters of substance

“States 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, decisions shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting, except:

“(a) As otherwise provided in the Convention and the Protocols;

“(b) In the case of the adoption of the budget and other financial issues, which shall require unanimity.”

