





Following adoption of Decision IG.17/2 on Compliance procedures and mechanisms by the 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties and the creation of the Compliance Committee in July 2008, as well as Decision IG.19/1 containing the Rules of Procedure adopted by the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties in 2009, the Compliance Committee became an official subsidiary body of the Convention and its Protocols and of the Meeting of Contracting Parties.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Contracting Parties, in the context of Decision IG.19/1, also adopted the Committee's programme of work for the 2010-2011 biennium. The Committee did not meet in 2010 and the two meetings planned for 2011 will not suffice to complete all the work in this programme. Accordingly, the Committee has before it a proposal by the Secretariat on the programme of work for the 2012-2013 biennium, which contains some elements from the Committee's work programme for the previous 2010-2011 biennium:

- Consideration of any matters referred to the Committee by the Contracting Parties, in accordance with paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Compliance procedures and mechanisms;
- Consideration of matters referred to it by the Secretariat, in accordance with paragraph 23 of the Compliance procedures and mechanisms concerning problems related to implementation of the Convention and its Protocols on the basis of the national reports for 2010-2011;
- Preparation of a manual for the public in Arabic, English and French;
- Examination of general non-compliance issues in implementation of the Compliance procedures and mechanisms on the basis of the reports submitted by Contracting Parties for the bienniums 2008-2009 and 2010-2011;
- Examination of the thematic issues requested by the Meeting of Contracting Parties;
- Preparation and adoption of the Compliance Committee's report and recommendations for submission to the 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties.

**Recommendation of the Secretariat**

*The Compliance Committee is invited to consider its draft programme of work for the 2012-2013 biennium proposed by the Secretariat and to take a decision on the matter, if required.*