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Agenda item 25

### **Elections of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC)**

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

#### Background

2. The Conference of the Parties, at its 26<sup>th</sup> meeting (CoP-26, Antigua, 2018) adopted Decision XXVI/8, which states:

*The Conference of the Parties directs the Executive Council and the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures, with the support of the IAI Directorate, to draft rules of procedure for election of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee for consideration at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.*

3. CoP-26 also adopted Decision XXVI/10 which states:

*The Conference of the Parties decided to re-schedule elections to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to its twenty-seventh meeting.*

#### Membership

IAI/COP/27/25

4. The current membership of the SPAC includes: Dr. Brigitte Baptiste, Dr. Walter Baethgen, Dr. Gilberto Cámara, Dr. Javier Gracia-Garza, Dr. Maria Netto, Dr. Evelia Rivera-Arriaga and Dr. James Rusak. In June 2018, two (2) SPAC members, Dr. Javier Gracia-Garza, nominated by the Parties, and Dr. James Rusak, nominated by the SPAC, concluded their first term, both are eligible for re-election if nominated. Dr. James Rusak will resign from the SPAC at the conclusion of his term.
5. The IAI Directorate notes that rules of procedure for election of the Science-Policy Advisory Committee may be adopted at CoP-27. It follows that nominations to the SPAC cannot be submitted and elections cannot be held until adoption of the rules by the Conference of the Parties.
6. For the SPAC to continue its work, and given that rules of procedure for the SPAC may be adopted at CoP-27<sup>1</sup>, the Conference of the Parties may consider inviting the members of the SPAC to continue their participation in the Committee until such time as elections may be held.

### Recommendation

The Conference of the Parties is invited to consider adopting the draft decisions contained in Annex I to the present document.

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<sup>1</sup> See: CoP document *Rules of procedure for the Science-Policy Advisory Committee*, IAI/COP/27/9/Annex 2

## **Annex I**

### **Draft decision of the Conference of the Parties**

#### **Elections to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee**

##### **Directed to the Parties**

XVII/xx. The Parties may wish to consider requesting current SPAC members and members whose terms are expiring to continue their participation in the Committee until such time as elections may be held.

XVII/xx. The Parties are invited to reschedule elections to the Science-Policy Advisory Committee to its twenty-eighth meeting.