ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Additional documents for this item: none

Action required at this meeting – the Programme Coordinating Board is invited to: elect officers for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 and to approve the composition of the PCB NGOs.

Cost implications for decisions: none
1. In accordance with the Modus Operandi of the Programme Coordinating Board (paragraph 22), the Board is expected to elect from among its members, and States elected as members as of 1 January 2018, a Chair, a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur.

2. The Modus Operandi foresees the Programme Coordinating Board to elect the current Vice-Chair, United Kingdom, to the position of Chair for a term starting on 1 January, 2018. This meeting of the Programme Coordinating Board must also elect a Vice-Chair and a Rapporteur for a term of one year starting on 1 January, 2018.

3. In doing so, the attention of the Programme Coordinating Board is drawn to paragraph 22 of the Modus Operandi which states that: “Officers will be elected taking into account a fair geographical distribution.”

4. Under the provisions of the Modus Operandi, the following Member States will be eligible for election as an officer of the Board on the basis that they will be members starting 1 January, 2018:

   1. Algeria
   2. Australia
   3. Belarus
   4. Chile
   5. China
   6. Congo
   7. Ecuador
   8. Finland
   9. Germany
   10. Ghana
   11. India
   12. Indonesia
   13. Iran (Islamic Republic)
   14. Japan
   15. Madagascar
   16. Malawi
   17. Mexico
   18. Portugal
   19. Russian Federation
   20. Sweden
   21. United Kingdom
   22. United States of America

5. In accordance with the Modus Operandi (paragraph 22), a written statement of interest is required to be elected as an officer. The Secretariat has received such a statement of interest from China for the office of Vice-Chair for 2018 and from Algeria for the office of Rapporteur.

6. In accordance with paragraph 2b of the Annex of ECOSOC Resolution 1995/2:

   “(b) The process of identification of the non-governmental organizations that sought to participate in the work of the Board would be determined by the non-governmental organizations themselves. The Board would formally approve the nomination of those organizations;”

Accordingly, the Programme Coordinating Board is requested to approve the new members of the Programme Coordinating Board NGO delegation for 2018 as follows:
ASIA-PACIFIC

- ADITIA TASLIM LIM - Rumah Cemara

LATIN AMERICA AND CARRIBEAN

- DEVANAND MILTON - Guyana Trans United (GTU)

7. The Programme Coordinating Board is invited to elect officers for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 and approve the composition of the PCB NGO delegation.