

RESOLUTION NO. 4/2019
ON THE ELECTION OF *AD HOC* MEMBERS OF THE
STANDING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES
November 13, 2019

The Assembly of the Parties,

In accordance with Article VI(2) of the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Development Law Organization of February 5, 1988, as amended; Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of Parties; and Article V of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee;

Considering the November 28, 2017, amendment to the Establishment Agreement increased the number of *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee from two to four;

Noting that, subsequent to the 2017 amendment, one of the *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee was elected in 2018 while three are to be elected in 2019;

Expressing concern that this pattern of imbalance in the election schedule, were it to continue, would be inconsistent with the intent of Article VI(2)B of the Establishment Agreement that *ad hoc* members of the Standing Committee be elected “in alternate years” to facilitate continuity of membership on the Standing Committee;

Noting that a Member Party elected as an *ad hoc* member of the Standing Committee in any year can seek re-election at the end of its term;

Emphasizing that the interpretation of a treaty should take into account any subsequent agreement between the parties on the interpretation of the treaty or the application of its provisions;

Resolves to:

Reaffirm the intent of the Member Parties that *ad hoc* seats on the Standing Committee should be filled in equal numbers “in alternate years”;

Fill, exceptionally in 2019, one of the three open seats on the Standing Committee for a one-year term, while the other two seats will be filled for the regular two-year term, in order to restore the normal cycle of Standing Committee elections.

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