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# CHAPTER I

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING OF CONSULATION

## Article 1

 The States Parties to the Inter-American Convention against Terrorism (“The Convention”) shall hold periodic meetings of consultation (the “Meeting of Consultation”) pursuant to Article 18 of said Convention.

**Article 2**

 The purpose of the Meeting of Consultation is to meet with a view to facilitating the functions laid out in Article 3 of these Rules of Procedures.

CHAPTER II

FUNCTIONS

**Article 3**

 To fulfill its purpose, the Meeting of Consultation shall have the following functions consistent with Article 18(1) of the Convention:

1. The full implementation of the Convention, including the consideration of issues of interest relating thereto identified by the States Parties; and
2. The exchange of information and experiences on effective means and methods to prevent, detect, investigate, and punish terrorism.

CHAPTER III

COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

**Article 4**

 The Meeting of Consultation shall be composed of the States Parties to the Convention. Each State Parties shall appoint a head of delegation and such delegates as it considers necessary.

**Article 5**

 The Meeting of Consultation shall have a President and one Vice President. The President and the Vice President shall be elected at the beginning of each Meeting of Consultations.

 The State Parties elected President of the Meetings of Consultation shall exercise that office until the next Meeting of Consultation.

 When the person exercising the Presidency cannot attend all or part of a meeting, the Vice President shall act as President.

**Article 6**

 The State Parties presiding over the Meeting of Consultations shall exercise the following functions:

1. To organize the Meeting of Consultations;
2. To open and close sessions and direct debates;
3. To propose the draft agenda for meetings and any other documents it deems necessary;
4. To rule on points of order arising in the course of deliberations;
5. To put to the vote items being debated that require a decision and announce the results;
6. Any other functions conferred by these Rules of Procedure and the Meeting of Consultations.

**Article 7**

 The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall provide the administrative and technical secretariat services for the Meeting of Consultation. Pursuant to Article 18 (3) of the Convention, the States Party may request other pertinent organs of the Organization of American States, including the Inter American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE), to facilitate the States Party’s consultations and to provide other forms of assistance with respect to the implementation of the Convention.

CHAPTER IV

MEETINGS

**Article 8**

 The accreditation of the delegations designated by the States Parties to represent them at a Meeting of Consultation shall take the form of a notification in writing, addressed to the Secretary General of the OAS.

**Article 9**

 Drafts and proposals presented by the States Parties for consideration at a Meeting of Consultation must be received in writing by the OAS General Secretariat at least 48 hours prior to the date of the respective meeting.

 Notwithstanding the above, the Meeting of Consultation may authorize discussion of drafts and proposals that have not been presented in writing in the time allowed.

**Article 10**

 The Meeting of Consultation shall meet at the headquarters of the OAS General Secretariat unless a State Party offers to host it.

**Article 11**

 The quorum required to hold a Meeting of Consultation shall be constituted by a majority of its members.

**Article 12**

 The order of precedence of the delegations of the States Parties shall be established by lot during the preparatory meeting. In this connection, the alphabetical order of the names of the states in Spanish shall apply.

**Article 13**

 In the deliberations of the Meeting of Consultation, each State Parties shall be entitled to one vote. Decisions shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of the States Parties participating in the Meeting of Consultations, except as provided for in Article 20 of these Rules of Procedure.

**Article 14**

 States that are not party to the Convention but are members of the OAS may be invited to attend the Meeting of Consultation with voice but without vote. They may speak when the President of the Meeting of Consultation so decides.

**Article 15**

 The permanent observers to the OAS may be invited to attend the Meeting of Consultation. They may request the floor and the President will decide in each case.

**Article 16**

 International organs and agencies deemed relevant may also be invited to the Meeting of Consultation. They may take the floor as determined by the President of the Meeting of Consultation.

**Article 17**

 Whenever it is deemed useful for the purposes of the Meeting of Consultation, invitations may be extended to representatives of civil society organizations whose work is related to areas addressed by the Convention, in accordance with the “Guidelines for Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities” and the “Strategies for Increasing and Strengthening Participation by Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities,” adopted by the Permanent Council.

**Article 18**

 The working languages of the Meeting of Consultation shall be the official languages of the OAS.

CHAPTER V

RULES OF PROCEDURE

**Article 19**

 The Rules of Procedure shall be adopted at the first Meeting of Consultation and shall enter into force on the date they are adopted.

**Article 20**

The Rules of Procedure may be amended by the Meeting of Consultation by a qualified majority of two thirds of the States Parties.

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