DRAFT DECISION

ELECTION OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling decision I/1 regarding the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties and decision I/2 on the election of the Presiding Officers for the first and second ordinary meetings of the Conference,

Recalling also that rule VII of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties provides that, at the second and subsequent ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties, a Chair and four Vice-Chairs shall be elected from among the Parties present at the meeting in question, giving special consideration to the need to ensure adequate geographical representation of the Parties and gender balance among representatives,

Reiterating that the Presiding Officers shall also include one of the elected representatives of the public, with a voice but no vote, and shall maintain a continuous dialogue with the public and with those representatives designated by the public, holding regular joint meetings,

Taking into consideration that the Presiding Officers shall remain in office until the closure of the second ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any extraordinary meetings that may be held in the interim,

Proposal by the Presiding Officers (Uruguay (Chair), Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Mexico and Saint Lucia (Vice-Chairs)).
1. Eelects the following Presiding Officers: [country] as Chair and [country], [country], [country] and [country] as Vice-Chairs, who shall remain in office until the closure of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any extraordinary meetings that may be held in the interim;

2. Requests the public to designate one of its elected representatives, within two months of the adoption of the present decision, to be a member of the Presiding Officers with a voice but no vote, and to formally notify the Secretariat of this designation, as well as of any relevant changes that may occur.