

BRS Treaties • Basel Convention

Rules of procedure

The [rules of procedure](#) of the Basel Convention apply to any meeting of the Conference of the Parties convened in accordance with article 15 of the Convention.

Topics covered in the rules of procedure include:

- Date, place of and observers to meetings (Rules 3–7)
- Agenda (Rules 8–15)
- Officers (Rules 21–25)
- Conduct of business (Rules 29–38)
- Voting (Rules 39–51)
- Parties shall make every effort to reach agreement on all matters of substance by consensus
- If all efforts to reach consensus have been exhausted and no agreement reached, the decision shall, as a last resort, be taken by a two-thirds majority vote of the Parties present and voting, unless as provided by the Convention, on the financial rules referred to in paragraph 3 of article 15 of the Convention
- Decisions of a meeting on matters of procedure shall be taken by a simple majority vote of the Parties present and voting



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