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Item 6 of the Provisional Agenda

**INF.6: Members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB)
and Geographical Distribution**

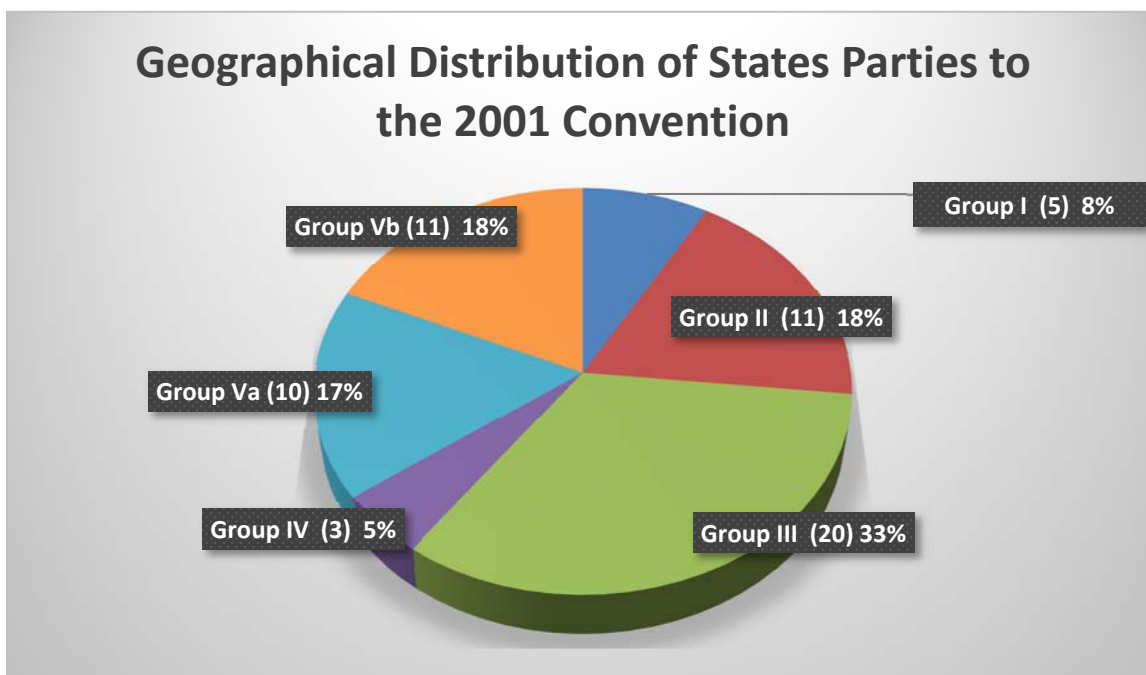
This document contains background information for the election of the six new members of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB).

1. According to Rule 23 of its [Rules of Procedure](#) the Meeting of States Parties elects every two years half of the membership of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Body (STAB) with due regard to the principles of equitable geographical distribution, rotation and gender representation. The STAB comprises twelve members according to Article 2 (a) of its Statutes.
2. At the present meeting, the term of six members of the STAB ends and new representatives need to be elected to fill the vacant seats. The term of the following STAB members end:
 1. Mr Auron Tare (Albania)
 2. Mr Jasen Mesic (Croatia)
 3. Mr Ovidio Juan Ortega Pereyra (Cuba)
 4. Mr Vladas Zulkus (Lithuania)
 5. Mr Augustus Ajibola (Nigeria)
 6. Mr Xavier Nieto Prieto (Spain)

STAB members with a mandate until 2021 are:

7. Ms María Helena Barba Meinecke (Mexico)
 8. Ms Dolores Elkin (Argentina)
 9. Mr Michel L'Hour (France)
 10. Mr Toufik Hamoum (Algeria)
 11. Mr Azzedine Karra (Morocco)
 12. Mr Adote Blim Blivi (Togo)
3. With regard to gender distribution, the STAB counts two women and ten men. At the present meeting, six men will vacate their posts.
 4. With regard to the available expertise in the STAB, most of the remaining members are underwater archaeologists or heritage specialists. The External Auditor recommended in its "[Report on the Governance of UNESCO and Dependant Funds, Programmes and Entities](#)" (2015) that the scientific qualification of the STAB members is relevant for the fulfilment of its role and should be duly taken into account when considering candidates for membership.
 5. With regard to geographical distribution, **Group I** maintains one seat, **Group II** no seat, **Group III** two seats, **Group IV** no seat, **Group Va** one seat, and **Group Vb** no seat.

$\frac{\text{States Parties per electoral group}}{\text{States Parties to the Convention (60)}} \times \text{Seats in the Advisory Body (12)} = \text{Claim} - \text{Sitting members}$



- Group I:** Belgium, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain.
- Group II:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Montenegro, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine.
- Group III:** Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Group IV:** Cambodia, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Micronesia (Federated States of).
- Group Va:** Benin, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa and Togo.
- Group Vb:** Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

13. To obtain an equitable geographical distribution in the upcoming election of the six members, it is necessary to know how many seats each electoral group may potentially claim. The calculation applied to derive an equitable geographical distribution divides the number of States Parties of each electoral group by the total number of States Parties to the Convention and multiplies the ratio by the twelve seats of the STAB. The resulting number of claims has to be diminished by the number of members of each electoral group already in the STAB with a mandate until 2021.

14. The resulting proportional distribution of seats in the STAB is illustrated below. The Secretariat provides the calculation on request of the States Parties (made in MSP 3) as a tool to inform their decision and assist in the elections. The calculation is **not legally binding**.

Distribution of the six seats among the six electoral groups							
Scientific & Technical Advisory Body (STAB)	Group I	Group II	Group III	Group IV	Group Va	Group Vb	TOTAL
Total of States in electoral groups	5	11	20	3	10	11	60
Seats attributed per electoral group in the STAB	$5 / 60 \times 12 = 1$	$11 / 60 \times 12 = 2.2$	$20 / 60 \times 12 = 4$	$3 / 60 \times 12 = 0.6$	$10 / 60 \times 12 = 2$	$11 / 60 \times 12 = 2.2$	12
Seats actually held by sitting members	1	0	2	0	1	2	6
New Seats to potentially be attributed	0 (0)	2.2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	6

LIST OF PROPOSED CANDIDATES

	State Party by Electoral Group	Name and background of candidate (Detailed CVs will be circulated before the Meeting of States Parties and are available from the Secretariat)
	Group I	
1.	Belgium	Mr Christophe Delaere, Underwater Archaeologist, CReA - Heritage, University libre, Brussels
2.	Italy	Ms Barbara Davidde Petriaggi, Director of the Underwater Archaeology Operation Unit, Superior Institute for Conservation and Restoration and Official in charge of Underwater Archaeology at the Central Institute for Archaeology
3.	Spain	M. Ivan Negueruela, Director, National Museum of Underwater Archaeology, Cartagena
	Group II	
4.	Albania	Mr. Auron Tare, Director-General of the National Coastal Agency of Albania, Ministry of Tourism and Environment and Chairperson of the STAB-UNESCO (2018- 2019)

5.	Bulgaria	Mr Kalin Dimitrov, Director of the Center of Underwater Archaeology, Sozopol
6.	Croatia	Mr Jasen Mesić, Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia in Italy
7.	Lithuania	Mr Vladas Žulkus, Professor of underwater archaeology, Klapėda University
8.	Slovenia	Mr Andrej Gaspari, Associate Professor at the Department of Archaeology, Ljubljana University
	Group III	
9.	Panama	Mr. Abner Alberda, Anthropologist/Archaeologist, Coordinator of the Panamanian Anthropology Group
	Group IV	
	Group V (a)	
10.	Nigeria	Mr Emmanuel Adeniyi Odekanyin, Specialist on Underwater Cultural Heritage, Federal Ministry of Information and Culture
11.	South Africa	Ms Lesa la Grange, Underwater Archaeologist, South African Heritage Resources Agency
	Group V (b)	
12.	Egypt	Mr Emad Khalil, Professor of Maritime Archaeology, Department of Archaeology and Greco-Roman Studies, Faculty of Arts, Alexandria University and Director of the Alexandria University Centre for Maritime Archaeology and Underwater Cultural Heritage