

 <p>Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Seventh Meeting of the Advisory Committee</b> <i>La Rochelle, France, 6 - 10 May 2013</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Advisory Committee engagement in the work of the Intersessional Committee established by Resolution 4.8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>AC Chair, Australia</i></b></p>
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### **SUMMARY**

A process is outlined for ensuring complementary amendment of the Advisory Committee's Rules of Procedure in line with potential changes to the Meeting of the Parties Rules of Procedure. This process includes a mechanism for adopting any amendments intersessionally.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Advisory Committee adopts the proposed procedure.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

An intersessional committee established by Resolution 4.8 is exploring options to allow participation of APEC member economies in the Meeting of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies (see AC7 Doc 22). Among preliminary suggested options, the committee is considering amending the MoP Rules of Procedure. Noting the Advisory Committee has its own Rules of Procedure independent of MoP, any change to MoP Rules of Procedure do not directly apply to the Advisory Committee. It is beneficial that a process for ensuring complementary amendment of the Advisory Committee's Rules of Procedure be adopted including for adoption of any amendments intersessionally.

## **2. PROPOSED PROCEDURE**

Following is the proposed procedure to allow timely adoption by the Advisory Committee of amendments to its Rules of Procedure complementary to those adopted for the MoP Rules of Procedure.

- (i) Advisory Committee to appoint a Member as participant on intersessional committee established by Resolution 4.8. Note AC Chair already participates in the intersessional committee, ex officio.
- (ii) In the case where MoP Rules of Procedure are amended, AC Chair will incorporate amendments into equivalent Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure and submit the proposed amendments to Advisory Committee Members for approval intersessionally.
- (iii) Should approval of the proposed amendments not occur intersessionally, the Advisory Committee will consider adoption of amendments at its next scheduled meeting.