

Decision 2018/4

Designation of focal points

The Executive Body,

Recognizing the importance of facilitating communication concerning matters related to the Convention,

1. *Calls* on Parties to designate one or more national focal points for the Convention and, as appropriate contact persons for specific topics under its auspices, if they have not already done so, and to submit the relevant contact information to the secretariat, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
2. *Invites* observers to also designate focal points for the Convention and, as appropriate, contact persons for specific topics under its auspices, and to submit the relevant contact information to the secretariat, including any modifications or additions as they occur;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to maintain the list of focal points and contact persons up to date and to post it on the Convention's web-site, in line with applicable data protection provisions, to facilitate the sharing of information;
4. *Urges* Parties' focal points to cooperate with the secretariat for smooth exchange of information as needed to support activities related to the Convention, for example for:
 - (a) Dissemination of information related to the Convention and its protocols, as appropriate; and
 - (b) Provision to the secretariat of relevant available information that could be of use for other Parties in their implementation of the Convention and its protocols.