

## Proposal by Canada to the 39<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Body regarding the Air Convention's Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure for sessions of the Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (RoP) were adopted by decision 2010/9 and amended by decision 2013/1 by the Executive Body (EB).

Although the RoP remain very relevant, Canada sees value in reviewing them, looking at what has worked well, and where improvements could be possible.

In the 9 years that the RoP have been in effect, the activities of the Convention have evolved somewhat, with increased focus on ad hoc groups to undertake work, such as the Policy Review Group created to develop a policy response to the 2016 Scientific Assessment Report, and significant taskings to the Executive Body Bureau. While this has been functioning relatively well, Canada believes there may be value in clarifying the role of Bureau vice-chairs and observers.

There may be other areas of the RoP that Parties feel should be reviewed. One area that may warrant discussion is the length of the term of chairs of Convention bodies, and to consider increasing the length of the terms from two years to three years, while maintaining the option for a second term and the possibility for a third, if decided by the Executive Body.

In 2020, the RoP will have been in place for 10 years. Canada believes that this provides an adequate time period to examine how well they have been functioning. Canada therefore proposes that Parties review the RoP and come to the next session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR) prepared to discuss possible amendments to the RoP, with a view to forwarding them for consideration by the EB at its 40<sup>th</sup> session.

### For action at EB39

EB recommends that Parties review the RoP during the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the WGSR, and make recommendations in that regard to the EB at its 40<sup>th</sup> session in regard to amending them.

