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**DRAFT WORK PLAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
OF THE RKC (WGRKC)**

(Item III (c) on the Agenda)

I. Introduction

1. The work plan is a document that provides an overview of the major tasks scheduled for the comprehensive review process and the main timelines that need to be met in order to complete the comprehensive review by June 2021, as mandated by the Policy Commission/Council. This is aimed at finalizing the task in an efficient and time-bound manner.
2. As the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the WGRKC require delivery of a work plan, at its first Meeting, the WGRKC developed a draft with possible timelines for the comprehensive review, based on the understanding that the Work Plan should be a living document, to be revised and updated, if necessary.
3. Based on the arrangements envisaged by the current Work Plan, the WGRKC aims at providing draft recommendations on the concept/component-based proposals to the RKC/MC in autumn 2019. With the temporary approval of the RKC/MC in autumn 2019, these proposals will be developed as possible text additions/amendments to the Body, General Annex (GA) and Specific Annexes (SAs) of the RKC in order to initiate text-based discussions. The outcome of the text-based discussions would be the agreed final recommendation of the WGRKC. The process of checking the legal consistency (legal scrubbing) of the recommendation will be conducted in accordance with the procedure for drafting international Agreements.

II. Update of the Work Plan

4. During its 2nd to 4th meetings, the WGRKC discussed more than 100 proposals submitted by Members and decided to place the proposals under four various categories: "Track A" for proposals which have obtained general consensus from Members; "Track B" for proposals requiring further explanation and improvement by the proponents; "Track C" for proposals regarded as non-active and requiring further information; and finally "Track D" for proposals which are mature enough to proceed to the drafting stage.

5. At its 4th Meeting of the WGRKC, some delegates recognized the need to move to the drafting phase starting this autumn. In addition, some delegates tasked the Secretariat to provide more detailed timelines for the coming two years of the comprehensive review, by examining the necessary time required to achieve each envisaged task.
6. Based on the work done and progress made by the WGRKC during the previous four meetings, the Secretariat has updated the timelines in the draft revised Work Plan (appended as an Annex to this document), including the following:
 - the agreed concept/components-based proposals will be moved to the drafting phase in order to develop draft texts in small sponsoring groups intersessionally;
 - the agreed joint proposals and work progress made by the WGRKC during the intersessional period between sessions of the RKC/MC meetings will be submitted as partial recommendations for provisional approval to the 20th, 21st and 22nd sessions of the RKC/MC;
 - review of the current text (the Body, General Annex and Specific Annexes) will be carried out in parallel with the development and examination of joint text-based proposals;
 - consolidation of all draft texts will be carried out from the beginning of 2020 to be finalized and submitted to the RKC/MC as a WGRKC recommendation and as a single undertaking by the end of 2020, so that the legal scrubbing will start no later than the end of 2020; and
 - the final step will be the approval of the final recommendation to the Contracting Parties by the RKC/MC in accordance with Article 6 of the RKC by the end of financial year 2020/2021.
7. Bearing all above-mentioned in mind, the final deadline for the submission of proposals by Members should be December 2019, considering the time required to discuss and develop text proposals, develop a final consolidated text and to conduct legal scrubbing.

III. Action required

8. The RKC/MC is invited to:
 - discuss and approve the draft work plan and suggest areas for further enhancement; and
 - if appropriate, approve the draft work plan.

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Work Plan of the Working Group on the Comprehensive Review of the RKC (WGRKC)

Actions (Management Committee) (RKCWG)	Q3 2018 – Q2 2019		Q3 - Q4 2019			Q1- Q2 2020			Q3 – Q4 2020		Q1 – Q2 2021	
	1 st -4 th WG	20 th MC 17 Jun - 5 th WG 3-6 June	6th WG 2-5 Sep	21 st MC 10 Oct - 7th WG 14-18 Oct	8 th WG 9-13 Dec.	9 th WG 10-14 Feb.	10 th WG 30-3 April	22 nd MC 11-12 Jun - (11th WG)	WG	23 rd MC WG	WG	24 th MC WG
Refine Work plan	?	?					?	?				
Stakeholder engagements		?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
Examine legal study	?											
Examine VWG 2015 recommendations	?	?	?									
Examine proposals (concept/components base)	?	?	?									
-Members proposals (concept/components base)	[Bar]		[Bar]		[Bar]							
-Stakeholders proposals	[Bar]		[Bar]		[Bar]							
-Secretariat inputs	[Bar]		[Bar]		[Bar]							
Examine joint proposals			?	?	?	?	?					
-Members joint proposals (components base)	[Bar]		[Bar]		[Bar]							
-Members joint proposals (draft text base)	[Bar]		[Bar]		[Bar]							
Review Structure		?	?	?								
Other horizontal issues		?	?	?								
Review Definitions					?	?	?					
Review the Body article by article					?	?	?					
Review GA/SAs article by article					?	?	?					
Consolidate draft texts						?	?	?	?	?		
Legal Scrubbing									?	?	?	?
Review guidelines												
[Regional workshops]												

