Directed to the Standing Committee

18.AA The Standing Committee shall, with the assistance of the Secretariat:

   a) consider implications of adding Arabic, Chinese and Russian to the working languages of the Convention, including for the administration, budget, implementation and effectiveness of the Convention;

   b) particularly consider benefits and challenges specific to adding each one of these languages as working languages of the Convention, particularly taking note of document CoP18 Doc. 8 on Draft resolution on language strategy for the Convention and of United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/328 on Multilingualism; and

   c) report its conclusions and recommendations to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.