



***RIGHTS &
OBLIGATIONS OF
CONTRACTING
PARTIES TO RKC***

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- **ARTICLE 2 OF BODY**
 - **Contracting Parties (CPs) have the right to apply all prohibitions and restrictions deriving from their national legislation**

GENERAL PRINCIPLES (ctd)

- **ARTICLE 3 OF BODY**
 - CPs **SHALL** give a general undertaking to apply the Standards, Transitional Standards (TS) and Recommended Practices (RP) set out in the Annexes/Chapters

Acceptance provisions and reservations

- **Article 12 provides**
 - **for the obligatory acceptance of all the provisions in the GA**
- **CPs are nevertheless free to accept only a limited number of Specific Annexes(SA) as well as Chapters therein**

Acceptance provisions and reservations (ctd)

- **CPs which accept a SA or Chapter(s) therein shall be bound by all the Standards and Recommended Practices (RP) therein, unless it notifies the depository of the RPs in respect of which it enters reservations.**
- **Any CP which has entered reservations may withdraw them at any time by notification to the depository specifying the date on which such withdrawal takes effect**

Acceptance of the provisions and reservations (ctd)

- **Each CP bound by a SA or Chapter(s) therein shall**
 - **review the reservations every 3 YEARS**
 - **Inform the depository if reservations are to be continued**
 - **specify the provisions of its national legislation which, in its opinion, are contrary to the withdrawal of the reservations.**

Implementation of the provisions

- **Article 13 provides for transitional period to be granted to CPs to apply the Standards, TS and RPs**
- **CPs may request the Management Committee, before the end of the relevant period**
 - **to provide an extension to implement the provisions of the General Annex**
 - **And state the reasons for such request**

Management of the Convention

- **Article 6 provides for CPs to**
 - **be members of the Management Committee**
 - **have the right to vote**
- **Observers may**
 - **attend the meeting**
 - **and participate in discussions**
 - **but have no right to vote**

Management of the Convention (ctd)

- **Management Committee shall**
 - meet at least once each year
 - and annually elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman
 - Secure uniformity in the implementation and application
 - Consider amendments to the Convention
 - Review and upgrade guidelines
 - Settle Disputes (after bilateral negotiations)

Amendments to the Convention

- **Article 15 provides for amendments to the Body of this Convention and to the GA, the SA as well as for the incorporation of new Chapters in the GA.**
- **New SAs and new Chapters in SAs are recommended to the CPs under the provisions of Article 6 but enter into force under the provisions of Article 18**

Set of notifications

- A number of the provisions of the Convention require the CPs to communicate specified information to the Secretary General of the Council.
- These notifications are listed in [Annex A](#)