

Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) Intervention on Compliance Mechanisms  
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CIEL, A member of IPEN would first like to stress the critical importance of establishing an efficient and balanced compliance mechanism as called for Art 17 of the Convention.

CIEL would also like to support the considerations expressed by the president at the beginning of this discussion about the global nature of this issue and helping characteristics of the draft document considered by this COP.

CIEL finds it unfortunate that the EU proposal to adopt the currently discussed draft at this COP was not adopted. And in order to ensure that COP6 is successful in finalizing and adopting a compliance mechanism, we would like to support Canada's proposal to have intercessional discussions on the matter between now and COP 6.

These discussions could be carried out through electronic means by an informal working group that should include a balanced representation from all UN Region.

Keeping in mind the expertise of civil society that has informed previous deliberation, in this forum and others, and in support of inclusivity and transparency, we would suggest that civil society experts be part of this process, and involved in a meaningful way.