

Proposed decisions on the Convention's meeting programme and machinery.

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Based on the proposals contained in the President's *Reflections on the Convention's meeting programme and machinery* (APLC/CONF/2019/WP.11), it is suggested that the Conference take the following decisions:

Meetings of the States Parties and intersessional meetings

It is proposed that the Conference agrees to:

1. Convene a Meeting of the States Parties each year for up to five days at the end of November or beginning of December until the end of 2023 and that the Fifth Review Conference be held at the end of 2024.
2. Continue including an agenda item on the *Financial status of UN assessed contributions* on the agenda of the Meetings of the States Parties and the Fifth Review Conference.
3. Continue to hold intersessional meetings for a minimum of two days of plenary meeting.
4. Maintain the informal nature of the intersessional meetings and consider on an annual basis the option of either a) adding a thematic segment during the two-day intersessional meetings or b) adding a day of thematic discussions to allow topics that are relevant to the Convention to be addressed, including the status of the implementation of the Oslo Action Plan. The President will consider and decide on these options in consultations with the Coordinating Committee. **Further to provisions of the 2011 agreement between the States Parties and the GICHD concerning implementation support for the Convention, the conference expressed its appreciation for the GICHD's ongoing support for intersessional meetings, which has allowed to ensure the respect for multilingualism at the intersessional meetings.**

The machinery

It is proposed that the Conference agrees that the President mandate be amended to include the following:

1. Take the lead on matters related to the UN assessed contributions.
2. Propose, if deemed necessary, one or more members of the Coordinating Committee to provide support on any issue of the President's mandate where more attention may be needed, including on financial matters.

It is proposed that the Conference agrees that all Committees' mandates be amended to include the following:

1. Review relevant information provided by States Parties on the implementation of the commitments contained in the Oslo Action Plan.
2. Consider matters related to gender and the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities in every aspect of its work.

It is proposed that the Conference agrees that all Committees' working methods be amended to include the following:

3. The Committee will appoint a focal point within the Committee to provide advice on the mainstreaming of gender and ensuring that the diverse needs and experiences of people in affected communities are taken into account in the implementation of the Oslo Action Plan.
4. The Committees will increase and strengthen their coordination including by examining implementation by States Parties in a more holistic manner including by considering the submission of joint conclusions on the status of implementation of the Convention by States Parties at Meetings of the States Parties/Review Conferences.

It is proposed that the Conference agrees that the Committee on Cooperative Compliance's mandate be amended to include the following:

1. Address all matters under Article 1 of the Convention.
2. Support States Parties in their efforts to implement and report on matters contained in Article 9 of the Convention.
3. Encourage States Parties to submit annual Article 7 reports.