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# Views on the frequency and location of sessions of the governing bodies after 2020 and their budgetary and other implications

**Synthesis report by the secretariat**

**Addendum**

**Submission from Egypt on behalf of the African Group**

## I. Mandate and scope

1. This document has been prepared to reflect the views of Parties on the frequency and location of sessions of the supreme bodies taking place after 2020 received after the publication of document FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.1 owing to technical difficulties.

## II. Views of the African Group

### A. Considerations regarding change in the frequency of sessions

2. In the submission from Egypt on behalf of the African Group, it was noted that rule 4.1 of the draft rules of procedure being applied states that ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) shall be held once every year unless the COP decides otherwise.

3. The African Group is of the view that notwithstanding the agreement on substantial parts of the Paris Agreement work programme in Katowice, much work remains to be done for the Paris Agreement to become fully operational.

4. The Group therefore holds the view that Parties should agree to continue with the current approach of annual sessions of the governing bodies so as to provide Parties with the opportunity to further enhance the implementation of the Convention and the Paris Agreement, as well as of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol when it enters into force.

## B. Location of sessions after 2020

5. The African Group recalled rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure being applied whereby the sessions of the COP should take place at the seat of the secretariat unless the COP decides otherwise, or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the Parties.

6. The Group supports the continuation of the current approach with respect to the location of sessions of the governing bodies after 2020, namely the rotation of COP session hosts among the five United Nations regional groups.