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PERIODICITY OF MEETINGS AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. In paragraph 1 of its decision IX/29, the Conference of the Parties welcomed as a useful input into the further consideration of the periodicity of its meetings and its subsidiary bodies the report by the Executive Secretary (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/22/Add.1) on options for the meeting schedule and organization of work of the Conference of the Parties after 2010. In paragraph 2 of the same decision, it requested the report to be updated by the Executive Secretary as needed and made available for the consideration of the Working Group on the Review of Implementation at its third meeting and forwarded to the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, taking into consideration the relationship between the periodicity of the meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies and the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan as well as a multi-year programme of work for the period 2011-2022.
2. The very large number of variables made the presentation of all possible options unworkable. Therefore, a list of 14 options has been compiled, analysed and reflected by the Secretariat in table 1 attached to this note. An indicative 12-year calendar for each of these options is presented in table 2.
3. The options are clustered first as those where the periodicity of meetings of the Conference of the Parties could be annual, biennial or triennial. These could be of one or two-week duration.
4. Within these clusters, options for the periodicity of meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) are presented. Depending on the length of the meeting option of the Conference of the Parties, SBSTTA meetings could be intersessional and either “back-to-back to” or “concurrent with” the Conference of the Parties.

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5. Finally, because of the longer period between meetings of the Conference of the Parties in the triennial cluster of options for the Conference of the Parties, proposals have been included for an enhanced intersessional body such as a standing committee, joint meetings of the Bureaux of the Conference of the Parties and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), or an enlarged Bureau of the Conference of the Parties.

6. The financial implications of each option presented in table 1 and in tables 3-A (Consolidated financial implications over twelve years) and 3-B (Consolidated financial implications over 12 years sorted by total savings) have been updated but they are estimates only. They are based on both the number of meetings of the Convention's primary bodies presented in a particular option, and on how these meetings would organize their work. Furthermore, they are presented over the course of twelve years, with an estimate of inflation added, because in this way the significance of the financial implications over a period of time can more easily be demonstrated.

7. The nominal cost of each meeting has been estimated by the Secretariat drawing from past experience. It also reflects the Secretariat's proposals drawn from a comparative analysis with governing bodies of multilateral environmental agreements and other intergovernmental processes of relevance to the Convention on Biological Diversity presented at the second meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (UNEP/CBD/WGRI/2/INF/12) to organize COP and SBSTTA meetings respectively around a plenary and committee of the whole (COW). A committee of the whole would be in lieu of two working groups. Such an arrangement is foreseen to result in significant in-session savings, related primarily to lower interpretation costs.

8. The estimated costs of each option have then been compared to the Convention's "business-as-usual" *modus operandi*: a biennial meeting of the Conference of the Parties of two-week duration and two inter-sessional SBSTTA meetings each of one-week duration. In the business-as-usual scenario, COP and SBSTTA operate with two working groups.

9. It is important to note that the decision of the Conference of the Parties on a post-2010 option for the meeting schedule is dependent in part on the finalization of the Convention's revised Strategic Plan and the accompanying revised multi-year programme of work (MYPOW).

10. Finally, for reasons similar to those described in the preceding paragraph, open-ended intersessional meetings for the post-2010 period have not been suggested in the table. This is because their need primarily depends on the revised Strategic Plan and the revised MYPOW. However, for discussion purposes the Secretariat estimates the nominal cost of one, one-week meeting at US\$ 350,000.

Table 1
Options for the periodicity of meetings and organization of work of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and
Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA)

Options	Bodies (x1)	Duration	Relationship to COP	Strengths	Weaknesses	Rules of procedure	Financial implications over 12 years
Annual COPs							
Option 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual COP (1 week) Annual SBSTTA back-to-back¹ with COP (1 week) Ad hoc technical meetings as needed No open ended inter-sessional meetings x 	COP	1 week	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers possibility for more focused treatment by COP and SBSTTA of a more limited number of agenda items Could potentially minimize the number of open-ended inter-sessional meetings by allowing COP/SBSTTA to directly deal with issues in a focused way Maintains or accelerates CBD process / COP decision-making momentum May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more technically-oriented Offers possibility of joint meetings of COP and SBSTTA Bureaux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could be resource intensive for Secretariat and Parties without more limited agenda One week COP meeting may be inadequate for consideration of issues without more limited agenda May not provide adequate pre-meeting preparation time for Parties and Secretariat May not provide adequate time for Parties to implement COP decisions in CBD enhanced phase of implementation May not provide adequate time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions “Back-to-back” SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings)	Option 1 would cost approximately US\$ 1.4 million more over 12 years than business as usual primarily from more frequent COP meetings (held annually instead of biennially).
	SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				
	Ad hoc technical meetings		As needed				
Biennial COPs							
Option 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biennial COP (1 week) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA back-to-back with COP (1 week) 	COP	1 week	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more technically-oriented Offers possibility of joint meetings of COP and SBSTTA Bureaux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One week COP meeting may be inadequate for consideration of issues without more limited agenda May not provide adequate pre-meeting preparation time for Parties and Secretariat May not provide adequate time for Parties to implement COP decisions in CBD enhanced 		Option 2 would generate approximately US\$ 9.2 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual from a shorter duration COP, a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA and every other SBSTTA being held back-to-back with COP.
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				

1 “Back-to-back” means consecutive meetings: SBSTTA would take place before COP.

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week)					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> phase of implementation • May not provide adequate follow-up time on outcomes of COP decisions • “Back-to-back” SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different • May require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings 		
Option 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial COP (2 weeks) • Two inter-sessional SBSTTAs (1 week each) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-established current practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial COP schedule with 2 SBSTTA meetings has tended to be resource intensive for Secretariat and Parties because of wide-ranging programmes of work • May not provide adequate pre-meeting preparation time for Parties and Secretariat • May not provide adequate time for Parties to implement COP decisions in CBD enhanced phase of implementation • May not provide adequate time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions 		Option 3 would generate approximately US\$ 3.1 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA.
SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional					
SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional					
Option 4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biennial COP (2 weeks) • One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) • One SBSTTA back-to-back with COP (1 week) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple variation on current practice • May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more technically-oriented • Offers possibility of joint meetings of COP and SBSTTA Bureaux 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May not provide adequate pre-meeting preparation time for Parties and Secretariat • May not provide adequate time for Parties to implement COP decisions in CBD enhanced phase of implementation • May not provide adequate time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions • “Back-to-back” SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP 		Option 4 would generate approximately US\$ 4.7 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA and every other SBSTTA being held back-to-back with COP.
SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional					
SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)					

Options	Bodies (x1)	Duration	Relationship to COP	Strengths	Weaknesses	Rules of procedure	Financial implications over 12 years
					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> participants being different May require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings 		
Option 4 variant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA concurrent² with COP (1 week) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers possibility to harmonize practice of CBD with other Rio conventions 	Same as option 5		Option 4 variant would generate approximately US\$ 7 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA and savings from every other SBSTTA being held concurrently with COP (No extra conference costs are expected when SBSTTA is concurrent with COP).
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Concurrent with COP				
TRIENNIAL COPS							
Option 5:³ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA back-to-back COP (1 week) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COPs may provide more pre-meeting preparation time for Parties between COPs Triennial COPs may provide more time for Parties to implement COP decisions in the CBD's enhanced phase of implementation Triennial COPs may provide more time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more focused and technically-oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible slowing of CBD process / COP decision-making momentum from longer COP periodicity "Back-to-back" SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different May require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings Lacks formal inter-sessional body like expanded Bureau or Standing Committee for decision making and guidance to Secretariat between COPs 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings)	Option 5 would generate approximately US\$ 13.7 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA and savings from a reduced frequency of COP and SBSTTA meetings over the 12-year period.
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				

² "Concurrent" means SBSTTA would meet during COP as is the practice, for example, in UNFCCC.

³ Option 5 and option 5var should be considered in conjunction with option 9.

Options	Bodies (x1)	Duration	Relationship to COP	Strengths	Weaknesses	Rules of procedure	Financial implications over 12 years
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers possibility of joint meetings of COP and SBSTTA Bureaux May make it more feasible for Secretariat to organize regional meetings to feed into COP 			
Option 5 variant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA concurrent with COP (1 week) 	COP	2 weeks		Same as option 5	Same as option 5	Same as option 5	Option 5 variant would generate approximately US\$ 15.3 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA, from a reduced frequency of SBSTTA and COP meetings over the 12 year period and savings from every other SBSTTA being held concurrently with COP (No extra conference costs are expected when SBSTTA is concurrent with COP).
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Concurrent with COP				
Option 6: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA back-to-back with COP Three inter-sessional standing committee meetings (3 days each). Formal representation to be to be 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates formal inter-sessional body (standing committee) for decision making and guidance to Secretariat between triennial COPs Triennial COPs may provide more pre-meeting preparation time for Parties between COPs Triennial COPs may provide more time for Parties to implement COP decisions in the CBD's enhanced phase of implementation Triennial COPs may provide more time to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible slowing of CBD process / COP decision-making momentum from longer periodicity potentially offset by standing committee meetings Could be resource intensive for Secretariat to prepare for COP, SBSTTA and standing committee meetings along with open-ended inter-sessional meetings without more limited programmes of work May still require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings "Back-to-back" SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings) Requires either amendment or existing rules of procedure or adoption of new standing committee rules of procedure	Option 6 would generate the same savings as option 5 for COP and SBSTTA meetings compared to business as usual. However, the savings would be reduced to approximately US\$ 13.3 million over 12 years because a standing committee would likely have more members than the current Bureau and it would meet more frequently under this option. The total number of standing committee members would need to be decided, but the Secretariat has based its calculations on providing at minimum 22 members with funding assistance.
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	B/B (pre-COP)				
	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Standing committee	3 days	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> determined. One standing committee meeting back-to-back with COP (up to 3 days prior to COP) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more focused and technically-oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship between existing COP Bureau and new standing committee would need to be clarified 																							
<p>Option 6 variant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA concurrent with COP Three inter-sessional standing committee meetings (3 days each). Formal representation to be determined. One standing committee meeting back-to-back with COP (up to 3 days prior to COP) 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>COP</td> <td>2 weeks</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBSTTA</td> <td>1 week</td> <td>Inter-sessional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBSTTA</td> <td>1 week</td> <td>Concurrent with COP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing committee</td> <td>3 days</td> <td>Inter-sessional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing committee</td> <td>3 days</td> <td>Inter-sessional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing committee</td> <td>3 days</td> <td>Inter-sessional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standing committee</td> <td>3 days</td> <td>Back-to-back (pre-COP)</td> </tr> </table>	COP	2 weeks	-	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional	SBSTTA	1 week	Concurrent with COP	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional	Standing committee	3 days	Inter-sessional	Standing committee	3 days	Back-to-back (pre-COP)	2 weeks	-	Same as option 6	Same as option 6	Same as option 6	Option 6 variant would generate the same savings as option 5 variant for COP and SBSTTA meetings compared to business as usual. However, the savings would be reduced to approximately US\$ 14.9 million over 12 years because a standing committee would likely have more members than the current Bureau and it would meet more frequently under this option. The total number of Standing Committee members would need to be decided, but the Secretariat has based its calculations on providing at minimum 22 members with funding assistance.
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<p>Option 7:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>COP</td> <td>2 weeks</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBSTTA</td> <td>1 week</td> <td>Inter-sessional</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SBSTTA</td> <td>1 week</td> <td>Back-to-back (pre-COP)</td> </tr> </table>	COP	2 weeks	-	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional	SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates joint COP/SBSTTA Bureaux meetings for decision making and guidance to Secretariat between triennial COPs Triennial COPs may provide more pre-meeting preparation time for Parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible slowing of CBD process / COP decision-making momentum from longer periodicity potentially offset by joint Bureaux meetings Could be resource intensive for Secretariat to prepare for COP, SBSTTA and joint Bureaux 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of Procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings)	Option 7 would generate the same savings as option 5 and option 6 for COP and SBSTTA meetings compared to business as usual. However the savings would increase to approximately US\$ 13.9 million over 12 years by												
COP	2 weeks	-																										
SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional																										
SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)																										

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back-to-back with COP (1 week) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three inter-sessional meetings of joint COP/SBSTTA Bureaux (3 days each) One meeting of joint COP/SBSTTA Bureaux back-to-back with COP (up to 3 days prior to COP) 	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional	between COPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COPs may provide more time for Parties to implement COP decisions in the CBD's enhanced phase of implementation Triennial COPs may provide more time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more focused and technically-oriented 	meetings along with open-ended inter-sessional meetings without more limited programmes of work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May still require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings "Back-to-back" SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different 		holding one joint bureau meeting back-to-back with back-to-back COP/SBSTTA meetings.
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				
Option 7 variant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triennial COP (2 weeks) One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) One SBSTTA concurrent with COP (1 week) Three inter-sessional meetings of joint COP/SBSTTA Bureaux (3 days each) One meeting of joint COP/SBSTTA Bureaux back-to-back with COP (up to 3 days prior to COP) 	COP	2 weeks	-	Same as option 7	Same as option 7	Same as option 7	Option 7 variant would generate the same savings as option 5 variant and option 6 variant for COP and SBSTTA meetings compared to business as usual. However the savings would increase to approximately US\$ 15.5 million over 12 years because one joint bureau meeting would be held back-to-back with back-to-back COP/SBSTTA meetings.
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Concurrent with COP				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	COP/SBSTTA Bureaux	3 days	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				

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Option 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial COP (2 weeks) • One inter-sessional SBSTTA (1 week) • One SBSTTA back-to-back with COP (1 week) • Three inter-sessional meetings of enlarged Bureau (22 people: 4 funded regions x 5 people + 2 SIDS) (3 days each) • One meeting of enlarged Bureau back-to-back with COP (up to 3 days prior to COP) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates enlarged Bureau for decision making and guidance to Secretariat between triennial COPs • Triennial COPs may provide more pre-meeting preparation time for Parties between COPs • Triennial COPs may provide more time for Parties to implement COP decisions in the CBD's enhanced phase of implementation • Triennial COPs may provide more time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions • May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more focused and technically-oriented 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible slowing of CBD process/COP decision-making momentum from longer periodicity potentially offset by enlarged Bureau meetings • Could be resource intensive for Secretariat to prepare for COP, SBSTTA and enlarged Bureau meetings along with open-ended inter-sessional meetings without more limited programmes of work • May still require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings • "Back-to-back" SBSTTA/COP success may in part be dependent on SBSTTA and COP participants being different 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of Procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings) Requires amendment of rule 21 (1) (Officers of the Bureau)	Option 8 would generate the same savings as option 6 of approximately US\$ 13.3 million over twelve years compared to business as usual if the number of members provided financial assistance is 22 people. The total number of enlarged Bureau members would need to be decided.
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				
	Enlarged Bureau	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Enlarged Bureau	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Enlarged Bureau	3 days	Inter-sessional				
	Enlarged Bureau	3 days	Back-to-back (pre-COP)				

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Option 9⁴: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial COP (2 weeks) • Two inter-sessional SBSTTAs (1 week each) 	COP	2 weeks	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial COPs may provide more pre-meeting preparation time for Parties between COPs • Triennial COPs may provide more time for Parties to implement COP decisions in the CBD's enhanced phase of implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible slowing of CBD process / COP decision-making momentum from longer COP periodicity • May require additional open-ended inter-sessional meetings • Lacks formal inter-sessional body like expanded Bureau or Standing Committee for decision 	Requires amendment of rule 4 (1) of the rules of procedure (Periodicity of COP meetings)	Option 9 would generate approximately US\$ 13.0 million of savings over 12 years compared to business as usual primarily from a shift to one working group in both COP and SBSTTA and from the reduced frequency of SBSTTA and COP meetings
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				
	SBSTTA	1 week	Inter-sessional				

⁴ Option 9 should be considered in conjunction with option 5 and option 5var.

Options	Bodies (x1)	Duration	Relationship to COP	Strengths	Weaknesses	Rules of procedure	Financial implications over 12 years
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Triennial COPs may provide more time to follow-up on outcomes of COP decisions • May create incentives for SBSTTA to become more focused and technically-oriented • Offers possibility of ad hoc joint meetings of COP and SBSTTA Bureaux • May make it more feasible for Secretariat to raise money for and organize regional meetings to feed into COP 	making and guidance to Secretariat between COPs		over the 12-year period.

Table 2

Options for the meeting schedule after the Tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2010: indicative 12 year calendar

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Annual COPs													
Opt. 1	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA/COP
Biennial COPs													
Opt. 2	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 3	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA+ COP
Opt. 4	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 4 variant	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	COP [SBSTTA]
Triennial COPs													
Opt. 5	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	-	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	-	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	-	SBSTTA/COP	SBSTTA	-	SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 5 variant	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	-	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	-	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	-	COP [SBSTTA]	SBSTTA	-	COP [SBSTTA]
Opt. 6	SBSTTA+ COP	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC /SBSTTA/COP	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + Stc /SBSTTA/COP	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC /SBSTTA/COP	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC /SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 6 variant	SBSTTA+ COP	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC /COP [SBSTTA]	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC /COP [SBSTTA]	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC / COP [SBSTTA]	StC+ SBSTTA	StC	StC + StC / COP [SBSTTA]
Opt. 7	SBSTTA+ COP	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur +Jt.Bur+ Jt.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur +Jt.Bur+ Jt.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur +Jt.Bur+ Jt.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur + Jt.Bur/SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 7 variant	SBSTTA+ COP	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur + Jt.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur + Jt.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur + Jt.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Jt.Bur+ SBSTTA	Jt.Bur	Jt.Bur + Jt.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]
Opt. 8	SBSTTA+ COP	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/SBSTTA/COP	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/SBSTTA/COP
Opt. 8 variant	SBSTTA+ COP	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]	Enl.Bur+ SBSTTA	Enl.Bur	Enl.Bur+ Enl.Bur/COP [SBSTTA]
Opt. 9	SBSTTA+ COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA	COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA	COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA	COP	SBSTTA	SBSTTA	COP

A+B: the meetings take place during the year (not concurrent or back-to-back)
 A/B: meetings are back-to-back
 A [B]: meetings are concurrent

StC: Standing Committee
 Jt.Bur.: Joint COP and SBSTTA Bureaux
 Enl.Bur.: Enlarged Bureau

Table 3-A

Consolidated financial implications over 12 years

Options	Business as usual	Options considered	Total savings or extra cost (-) over business as usual
	Total cost	Total cost	
Option 1	33,922,755	35,299,223	-1,376,468
Option 2	33,922,755	24,687,167	9,235,588
Option 3	33,922,755	30,793,913	3,128,842
Option 4	33,922,755	29,237,903	4,684,852
Option 4 variant	33,922,755	26,949,653	6,973,102
Option 5	33,922,755	20,198,637	13,724,118
Option 5 variant	33,922,755	18,644,887	15,277,868
Option 6	33,922,755	20,592,286	13,330,469
Option 6 variant	33,922,755	19,038,536	14,884,219
Option 7	33,922,755	19,997,877	13,924,878
Option 7 variant	33,922,755	18,444,127	15,478,628
Option 8	33,922,755	20,592,286	13,330,469
Option 8 variant	33,922,755	19,038,536	14,884,219
Option 9	33,922,755	20,947,827	12,974,928

Table 3-B

Consolidated financial implications over 12 years sorted by total savings

Options	Business as usual	Options considered	Total savings or extra cost (-) over business as usual
	Total cost	Total cost	
Option 7 variant	33,922,755	18,444,127	15,478,628
Option 5 variant	33,922,755	18,644,887	15,277,868
Option 6 variant	33,922,755	19,038,536	14,884,219
Option 8 variant	33,922,755	19,038,536	14,884,219
Option 7	33,922,755	19,997,877	13,924,878
Option 5	33,922,755	20,198,637	13,724,118
Option 6	33,922,755	20,592,286	13,330,469
Option 8	33,922,755	20,592,286	13,330,469
Option 9	33,922,755	20,947,827	12,974,928
Option 2	33,922,755	24,687,167	9,235,588
Option 4 variant	33,922,755	26,949,653	6,973,102
Option 4	33,922,755	29,237,903	4,684,852
Option 3	33,922,755	30,793,913	3,128,842
Option 1	33,922,755	35,299,223	-1,376,468
