Proposed procedure for proposing the hosting of future sessions of the Meeting of the Parties

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Meeting of the Parties are held every three years, mostly outside Geneva.

- Decision on location three years in advance by the MOP.
- A representative of the host country is chairing the Bureau and Meeting of the Parties for the following three years.
- United Nations rules: bodies may hold sessions away from their established headquarters when a host government agrees to defray the additional costs directly or indirectly involved (see ST/Al/342 and GA resolution 40/243).
- Need for preparation of a host country agreement.
Role and benefits for the host country

- **Political support** from the host country is important for:
  - creation of **consensus and support** to the different decisions adopted at the Meeting of the Parties; and
  - ensuring **visibility and impact** of the event, including by promoting high-level participation and by promoting its results in relevant international fora.

- Some of the **benefits** for the host country:
  - promotion of **multisectoral engagement** at the national level for the implementation of the Convention;
  - **raising the profile of the host country and its key officials** among the Water Convention’s institutional framework, across the UN system and more widely;
  - opportunities for **high-level discussions, networking** and developing joint projects.
Chairmanship of the Convention

• **Chairmanship** by the host country for the following 3 years
• The role of the Chair and of the country is fundamental for:
  • **promotion and support to the Convention** worldwide, and
  • the **positioning of transboundary water cooperation** on the international agenda.
• **Time and resources**, including financial resources, are needed to attend international events and other relevant meetings
• Important role of the **different ministries, embassies and missions** of the host country
Possible procedure for selecting Parties hosting sessions of the MoP under the Water Convention

• 20 months after the last session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. June 2020:
  ✓ a call for proposals is sent out from the secretariat to host the Meeting of the Parties
• 30 months after the last session of the Meeting of the Parties, i.e. April 2021:
  ✓ deadline for submitting proposals to host the MOP to the Secretariat
• Monitoring of the proposals by the Bureau
• 6 weeks before the next Meeting of the Parties
  ✓ the secretariat submits an overview of the proposals received, for consideration and decision by the Meeting of the Parties.
Thank you!