

Cambodia's position on the Chair's Text for the INC-5.2

❖ ARTICLE 20: COP

Cambodia expresses its strong support for the establishment and functions of the Conference of the Parties, as outlined in Article 20. We believe that the COP is essential to ensure the effective implementation, oversight, and advancement of this Convention.

We welcome the provision for the first COP meeting to be convened no later than one year after entry into force, and support the holding of regular meetings every two years. This structure promotes timely decision-making and progress tracking. We also support the mechanism for extraordinary meetings, which offers necessary flexibility to respond to urgent or emerging issues.

Importantly, Cambodia emphasizes that the COP must operate on the basis of consensus, especially in adopting its rules of procedure and financial rules. These should ensure equitable participation for all Parties, particularly for developing countries that may face resource and capacity constraints.

We also recognize the important role of subsidiary bodies, which the COP may establish to support implementation.

Finally, we support the inclusion of observers, provided that procedures are transparent and respect Party consensus. Their contributions can enhance transparency and bring valuable expertise to the process.