

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

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CONFERENCE ROOM 3

AOSIS INTERVENTION ON RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. The location of COP meetings. Will they just be at headquarters or at the seat, or will we be flexible and they will rotate?

AOSIS, at this stage, wishes to flag that, with respect to rotating meetings, the ability of attaining quorum and adequate funding of meetings and funding of participation for developing countries, in particular SIDS, will have to be considered carefully. These are important matters that AOSIS members need to be assured will not be in issue before rotating meetings can be further considered.

2. Frequency of COP meetings.

AOSIS can go along with the view held by a number of delegations that meetings of the COP should be annual, unless the COP decides otherwise. We share the view that this would make the most sense, especially during the initial meetings of the COP given the many decisions that will have to be discussed and made. Once the agenda and working methods of the COP have stabilized, the COP can then decide whether it can meet less frequently.

3. Virtual or hybrid participation.

AOSIS is open to considering the possibility of hybrid participation in exceptional circumstances.

4. Threshold and agenda for extraordinary meetings and the role of the COP regarding emergency measures under Article 24.

AOSIS previously expressed interest in seeing specific language on extraordinary meetings and emergency measures. We stand ready to work with other delegations on this.

5. Agenda items and timelines.

AOSIS is willing to work with delegations that may have specific issues that they wish to see addressed. As SIDS, in general, we would favour longer timelines and notice periods.

6. **Procedures for observers.**

There are precedents for procedures for observers. If we are to have a discussion on procedures for observers, AOSIS hopes that the discussion can center on precedent and not reinvent the wheel.