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Item 13 of the provisional agenda: Date of the next session of the Committee

Decision required: paragraph 7

1. Article 23.2 of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) stipulates that the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall meet annually.
2. In addition, it is recalled that the Conference of Parties decided at its first session that, as a general rule, the Committee will meet at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (Resolution 1.CP 6, paragraph 3).
3. Since the entry into force of the Convention in 2007, the ordinary sessions of the Committee have been held in December each year.
4. The determination of the date and duration of sessions is the prerogative of the Committee. However, the Committee should also take into account the external evaluations and audits of the Culture Sector and the Convention and the recommendations made to UNESCO to find efficient and effective working methods and to avoid the back to back organization of statutory meetings in the Culture Sector, especially in odd years when the General Conference is being held.
5. The Open-ended Working Group to review the Governance, Procedures and Working Methods of UNESCO's Governing Bodies made recommendations, including those concerning the coherence, coordination and synergies of statutory meetings. In particular, Recommendation 79 states that "IIBs and their Secretariats are requested to enhance coordination in scheduling of meetings to avoid overlap." (See Document 39 C/20 Annex I - Part 2, paragraph 79).
6. Currently, the statutory meetings of the 2003, 2005, 1954 Conventions are held within a four week period at the end of each calendar year. This scheduling becomes further complicated every second year when there is an additional meeting of the 1972 Convention during the General Conference. This practice is deemed inefficient for both organizational and decision-making reasons. It is therefore proposed that the annual meeting of the Committee for the Convention take place six weeks later, in other words, in the second week of February each year. This would mean that the thirteenth session of the Committee would take place in February 2020.
7. The Committee may wish to adopt the following decision:

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The Committee,

1. *Having examined Document DCE/18/12.IGC/13,*
2. *Welcomes the proposal of the Secretariat to hold its annual sessions at the beginning of the year from now on and the proposal to convene its thirteenth session from 11 to 14 February 2020;*
3. *Requests the Secretariat to transmit this proposal to the Conference of Parties at its seventh session in June 2019 for approval.*