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Basic Information

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| Action required | Note |
| Draft resolution(s) | None |

Summary of Content

| Subject and aim(s) | Update on the work of the Task Group |
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| Main points | Papers gathered, yet to meet at time of writing this report |
| Previous relevant documents | AAC Supplementary Report to General Assembly 2016, Friday 8 July's Order Paper |
| Consultation has taken place with | n/a |

Summary of Impact

| Financial | n/a |
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| External (e.g. ecumenical) | n/a |



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1. General Assembly resolved:

Resolution 48

General Assembly resolves to appoint a Task Group to consider the documentation already available, to consult widely, particularly with Synods and Assembly Committees, and to bring to the General Assembly of 2018 proposals for the form, size, duration, location and funding of the Assembly in subsequent years from 2020 to 2030.

The Task Group of five people, including a former Moderator of General Assembly, a current or recent Synod Clerk, and the Clerk of the General Assembly, nominated by the Nominations Committee, and appointed by the Assembly Officers, to begin work immediately, and report to each meeting of Mission Council. A report to the autumn 2017 meeting of Mission Council should enable that meeting to make decisions that enable a venue to be firmly booked for the 2020 meeting of General Assembly.

- 2. At the time of submitting this report, the Nominations Committee have not yet met to recruit the other members, so there has been no meeting.
- 3. I have begun gathering all the relevant papers for the Task Group, and hope that the first meeting might at least have been arranged by the time that Mission Council meets.
- 4. I am willing to provide a verbal update to anyone seeking such, at Mission Council.