

Draft decision -/CP.18

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Further recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. Nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Poland to host the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol in Warsaw, Poland, from Monday, 11 November to Friday, 22 November 2013, subject to confirmation by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol that all logistical, technical and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243, and subject to the successful conclusion of a Host Country Agreement;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Poland and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions that complies with the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Notes* that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Latin America and Caribbean States;

4. *Invites* Parties to consult further on the hosting of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol from Wednesday, 3 December to Sunday,

14 December 2014, with a view to concluding these consultations not later than the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-eighth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session;

C. Twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Takes note* of the offer of the Government of France to host the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol from Wednesday, 2 December to Sunday, 13 December 2015;

7. *Invites* Parties to consult further on the host of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to concluding these consultations not later than the thirty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-eighth session, to consider the issue of the host of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its nineteenth session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention bodies

9. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2017;¹

- Wednesday, 10 May to Sunday, 21 May;
- Wednesday, 29 November to Sunday, 10 December.

¹ As recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-sixth session (FCCC/SBI/2012/15, para. 237).