

Decision -/CP.9

Date and venue of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

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

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

1. *Decides* that the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held from 29 November to 10 December 2004;
2. *Notes* with appreciation the expression of interest by the Government of Argentina in hosting the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties and that it will provide further information on its expression of interest by 30 January 2004;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Argentina, to initiate a fact-finding mission of the secretariat to Argentina and to report to the Bureau not later than 15 February 2004 on whether the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties could be held in Argentina, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 40/243;
4. *Requests* the Bureau to decide on the venue of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties by 28 February 2004;
5. *Requests* the secretariat to take the necessary action to implement the decision of the Bureau on the venue of the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties.

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¹ FCCC/CP/1996/2.