**SBI 42, item 15 (d) Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement**

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**Speaking notes for**

**Executive Secretary’s plenary statement in response to host government’s statement**

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

* Three aspects of host country arrangements:
1. overall arrangements for delegations, the secretariat and its staff
2. the office accommodation of the secretariat;
3. the conference facilities in Bonn to hold sessions of UNFCCC bodies.
	* Work on all three aspects has been making good progress because we have institutionalized a joint working group that collaborates closely and trustfully
* Re 1: arrangements for delegations, the secretariat and its staff
	+ Delegations enjoy all necessary travel facilities, privileges and immunities to conduct work in Bonn
	+ The secretariat, staff and families are awarded fully adequate treatment
	+ Any open questions are addressed constructively and amicably
* Re 2: office accommodation
	+ In our new HQ building almost 2 years now and satisfied
	+ We were given every opportunity to closely participate in the design of the new building that will allow the secretariat to be reunited on one location, hopefully in 2018
	+ We look forward to having modern conference facilities within UN Campus as of 2018, too, namely historical Wasserwerk and Pumpenhaus
* Re 3: conference facilities
	+ We are impressed by the new, state-of-art part of the World Conference Centre Bonn and congratulate the City for this extraordinary achievement
	+ We look forward to the grand opening on Sunday 7 Jun and then staging many successful meetings here
	+ We thank the GoG for having fulfilled its commitment [of 1995]
	+ SB 40 requested the secretariat to use the World Conference Centre “*in order to reduce costs*”
	+ GoG, City of Bonn and UN in Bonn are working hard at highest levels on making the World Conference Centre an attractive and competitive venue for the UN to meet and work
* Thank all counterparts, especially Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and City of Bonn, for their cooperation and support.
* Highlight the very considerable special contributions from the GoG to the ADP session in October 2014, the current sessions of the SBs and ADP, and the 2 ADP sessions later this year“ [, and the ongoing financial engagement of the City of Bonn]