

DRAFT TEXT
on
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Dates and venues of future sessional periods

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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,

Recalling rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, which provides that the sessions of the Conference of the Parties shall take place at the seat of the secretariat, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise or other appropriate arrangements are made by the secretariat in consultation with the Parties,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. 2017

1. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 6 to 17 November 2017 would come from the Asia-Pacific States;
2. *Expresses* its appreciation for the nomination received from the Asia-Pacific States of a representative of the Government of Fiji to serve as President at the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above;
3. *Decides* that the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above will be convened at the seat of the secretariat;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for convening the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above at the seat of the secretariat;
5. *Acknowledges* that organizing sessions of the supreme bodies of the Convention at the seat of the secretariat requires special arrangements, including those for the funding of such sessions;
6. *Notes* the high costs associated with convening sessions of the supreme bodies of the Convention and *requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider this matter at its forty-sixth session (May 2017) in the context of arrangements for intergovernmental meetings;

B. 2018

7. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held in November/December 2018¹ would come from the Eastern European States;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the expression of interest received from the Government of Poland in relation to hosting the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above;

9. *Requests* the secretariat to initiate a fact-finding mission to Poland and to report to the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, by May 2017, on whether all logistical, technical, legal and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available there, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243;

10. *Also requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to consider, at its forty-sixth session, the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session (November 2017);

C. 2019

11. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 11 to 22 November 2019 would come from the Latin American and Caribbean States;

12. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 11 above;

13. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-sixth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 11 above and to recommend a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention and Kyoto Protocol bodies

14. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2021:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 31 May, to Thursday, 10 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November.

¹ Exact dates will be decided on the basis of the availability of conference venue facilities.