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## Draft decision -/CP.15

### Dates and venues of future sessions

#### Proposal by the President

*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<sup>1</sup> regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

*Noting* that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties would come from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, the President of the seventeenth session would come from the African Group<sup>2</sup> and the President of the eighteenth session would come from the Asian Group,

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/CP/1996/2.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2008/8, paragraph 141.

**A. Date and venue of the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth 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 Mexico to host the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol from 29 November to 10 December 2010, subject to confirmation by the Bureau that all logistical, technical and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available, in conformity with 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 Mexico and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-second sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

**B. Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

3. *Recalls* that the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be held in South Africa<sup>3</sup> from 28 November to 9 December 2011;<sup>4</sup>

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of South Africa and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

**C. Date and venue of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol**

5. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.

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<sup>3</sup> Decision 9/CP.14, paragraph 4.

<sup>4</sup> Decision 9/CP.12, paragraph 14.