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Implementation of the Headquarters Agreement

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the information provided by the representative of the Host Government of the secretariat that construction works on the new conference facilities in Bonn, Germany, resumed and that some components of the thirty-eighth session of the subsidiary bodies in June 2013 could be held there. The SBI encouraged the Host Government to ensure that the conference facilities are fully completed as soon as possible in 2013. The SBI also noted the reports made by the representative of the Host Government and the Executive Secretary of the progress made in the completion of the new office premises for the secretariat in Bonn. In particular, it noted that the ceremonial handover of the first building is scheduled for United Nations day in October 2012 so the physical relocation can take place after the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, while a third, new building on the UN Campus together with additional meeting facilities are expected to be completed by 2017.

2. The SBI thanked the Host Government for the progress reports and acknowledged the special efforts and investments made by both the Host Government and the host city of Bonn. It reiterated concerns regarding the significant delays and ensuing cost implications for all Parties and the difficulties faced by the intergovernmental process and by the secretariat as a consequence of the prolonged shortage of space. It urged the Host Government to expedite the completion of conference and office facilities, including by supporting the City of Bonn in its efforts and cooperating closely with the secretariat.

3. The SBI encouraged the Host Government to continue facilitating participation in meetings under the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.

4. The SBI further requested the secretariat to keep Parties informed of progress made on the provision of facilities on an ongoing basis, and invited the Host Government and the Executive Secretary to report to it at its thirty-eighth session on further progress made on these and other aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement.

