

Advance unedited version

Draft decision -/CP.17

Dates and venues of future sessions

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Recalling also decision 9/CP.14,

Recalling further 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 regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth sessions of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth, ninth and tenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

A. 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

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Qatar 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 in Doha, Qatar, from 26 November to 7 December 2012, subject to confirmation by the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, that all logistical, technical and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243, and subject to the successful conclusion of a Host Country Agreement;

2. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Qatar and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions that complies with the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-sixth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Date and venue of the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Notes* 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

nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Eastern European Group;

4. *Invites* Parties to consult further on the host of the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to concluding these consultations not later than the thirty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-sixth session, to consider the issue of the host of the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account the offers and consultations referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its eighteenth session;

C. Date and venue of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Notes* 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 twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol would come from the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean;

7. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention bodies

8. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2014, 2015 and 2016;¹

- Wednesday, 4 June to Sunday, 15 June and Wednesday, 3 December to Sunday, 14 December for the sessional periods in 2014;
- Wednesday, 3 June to Sunday, 14 June and Wednesday, 2 December, to Sunday, 13 December for the sessional periods in 2015;
- Wednesday, 18 May to Sunday, 29 May and Wednesday, 30 November to Sunday, 11 December for the sessional periods in 2016.

¹ As recommended by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation at its thirty-fourth session, FCCC/SBI/2011/7, paragraph 165.