

Decision -/CP.22

Dates and venues of future sessions

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. *Decides* to adjust the previously agreed dates¹ of the sessions in the second sessional period in 2018 to Monday, 3 December, to Friday, 14 December 2018;

8. *Notes* that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above would come from the Eastern European States;

9. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer by the Government of Poland to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Poland and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and in compliance 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 twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties (November 2017) to allow for its prompt implementation;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the host country with technical support and guidance on UNFCCC policies and requirements, taking into account the issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of such sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau;

C. 2019

12. *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;

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

14. *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 12 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

15. *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 Decision 28/CP.19.