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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 the construction of the new World Conference Center Bonn has been completed, and expressed its satisfaction with the excellent facilities that the new conference centre provided during the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies.

2. The SBI thanked both the Host Government and the host city of Bonn for their special efforts and investments with regard to the completion of the conference centre, including the repeated special financial contributions by the Host Government to the sessions of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action held in Bonn. It reinforced its encouragement to the Host Government to continue to provide support to the operation of the World Conference Center Bonn as a permanent forum for the UNFCCC intergovernmental process at the seat of the secretariat. It also looked forward to the hotel facilities adjacent to the conference centre being opened as soon as possible so as to improve the availability of commercial accommodation and office space for delegations.

3. In accordance with decisions 27/CP.19 and 25/CP.18, the SBI reiterated its request to the secretariat to maximize the combined use of the secretariat’s office facilities and the conference centre for UNFCCC sessions and meetings in order to reduce costs and further enhance the services available at the seat of the secretariat.

4. The SBI also noted the information in the reports by the representative of the Host Government and the Executive Secretary that the design of an extension building on the United Nations Campus, which is to enable the entire secretariat to be located in the same premises, is making good progress, with works starting in January 2016 and completion scheduled within three years.

5. The SBI welcomed the continued collaboration between the Host Government, the secretariat and other relevant stakeholders on issues such as meeting and office facilities as
well as enhanced services and information for meeting participants. It encouraged the Host Government and the secretariat to maintain this process of close and regular consultations.

6. The SBI requested the secretariat to continue to update Parties on the UNFCCC website about these and other aspects of the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement, and invited the Host Government and the Executive Secretary to report to SBI 46 (May 2017) on progress made.