

Draft decision -/CP.23

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 Parties,

Also recalling decision 24/CP.22, paragraphs 7–11, regarding the acceptance of the offer of the Government of Poland to host the sessions taking place in the second sessional period of 2018, from 3 to 14 December,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. 2018

(i) *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 3 to 14 December 2018 would come from the Eastern European States;

(ii) *Expresses its appreciation* for the nomination received from the Eastern European States of Mr. Jan Szyszko to serve as President at the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above;

(iii) *Notes* the decision of the Government of Poland to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above in Katowice;

(iv) *Reiterates its request* to the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for convening the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above;

B. 2019

(i) *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the 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;

(ii) *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Brazil to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above;

(iii) *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Brazil and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions referred to in paragraph 5 above in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and in compliance with the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the start of the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties (December 2018) so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

(iv) *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. 2020

(i) *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President to be elected at the sessions to be held from 9 to 20 November 2020 would come from the Western European and other States;

(ii) *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 9 above;

(iii) *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its forty-eighth session (April–May 2018), to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 9 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fourth session;

II. Calendar of meetings of the Convention, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement bodies

(i) *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2022:

- First sessional period: Monday, 6 June, to Thursday, 16 June;
 - Second sessional period: Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November.
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