Decision -/CP.31

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 United Nations regional groups,

Recalling decision 18/CP.30,

I. 2027

1. *Reiterates appreciation* for the offer of the Government of Ethiopia to host the thirty-second session of the Conference of the Parties, the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement in Addis Ababa from Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November 2027;[1]

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Ethiopia and to conclude a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, including its annex, containing the model conference agreement, with a view to the Host Country Agreement being signed as soon as possible, preferably before the sixty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2027), so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

3. *Reiterates* the request for the Executive Secretary to provide the host country with technical support and guidance on UNFCCC policies and requirements, taking into account any issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;[2]

II. 2028

4. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the United Nations regional groups, the President of the thirty-third session of the Conference of the Parties, the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2028) would come from the Asia-Pacific States;

5. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 4 above, which will be held from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November 2028, noting the logistical and financial risks associated with delays in selecting a host country and the need for the secretariat to undertake a fact-finding mission to the host country, to inform the Bureau, in a timely manner, of its findings in relation to hosting the sessions in the proposed location and to engage in early planning and collaboration with the nominated host country;

[1] Decision 18/CP.30, para. 6.
[2] Decision 18/CP.30, para. 8.

6. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-sixth session (June 2027), to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 4 above with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-second session;

III. 2029

7. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the United Nations regional groups, the President of the thirty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2029) would come from the Eastern European States;

8. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above, which will be held from Monday, 5 November, to Friday, 16 November 2029, noting the logistical and financial risks associated with delays in selecting a host country and the need for the secretariat to undertake a fact-finding mission to the host country, to inform the Bureau, in a timely manner, of its findings in relation to hosting the sessions in the proposed location and to engage in early planning and collaboration with the nominated host country;

9. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its sixty-sixth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above with a view to recommending a draft decision on this matter for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at its thirty-second session;

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

10. *Adopts* the following dates for the sessional periods in 2032:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 7 June, to Thursday, 17 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November;

11. *Also adopts* the following dates for the sessional periods in 2033:

(a) First sessional period: Monday, 6 June, to Thursday, 16 June;

(b) Second sessional period: Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November.