Draft COP decision on 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,

I. 2022

1. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Egypt to host the twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties, the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 7 November, to Friday, 18 November 2022;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Egypt and to conclude a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, including its annex, containing the model conference agreement, with a view to signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the fifty-sixth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2022), so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

3. 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 sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;

II. 2023

4. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of the United Arab Emirates to host the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties, the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November 2023;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to initiate consultations with the Government of the United Arab Emirates and to conclude a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and the provisions of the United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, including its annex, containing the model conference agreement, with a view to signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the fifty-eighth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2023), so as to allow for its prompt implementation;

6. 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 sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;

III. 2024

7. Notes that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the United Nations regional groups, the President of the twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties, the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (November 2024) 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, 11 November, to Friday, 22 November 2024, noting the logistical and financial risks associated with delays in selecting a host country and the need for the secretariat to conduct fact-finding missions to the host country in a timely manner;

9. Requests the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fifty-sixth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 7 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-eighth session (November 2023).