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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. 2024

1. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Azerbaijan to host 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 from Monday, 11 November, to Friday, 22 November 2024;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to initiate consultations with the Government of Azerbaijan 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 signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the sixtieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2024), 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 any issues raised by Parties regarding the organization of sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau of the governing bodies;

II. 2025

4. Accepts with appreciation the offer of the Government of Brazil to host the thirtieth session of the Conference of the Parties, the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement from Monday, 10 November, to Friday, 21 November 2025;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to initiate consultations with the Government of Brazil 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 signing the Host Country Agreement as soon as possible, preferably before the sixtieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, 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 any issues
raised by Parties regarding the organization of sessions, and to report back regularly to the
Bureau of the governing bodies;

III. 2026

7. Notes that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the United Nations regional
groups, the President of the thirty-first session of the Conference of the Parties, the twenty-
first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto
Protocol and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the
Parties to the Paris Agreement would come from the Western European and other 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, 9 November, to Friday, 20 November
2026, 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 sixtieth 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-ninth session;

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

10. Adopts the following dates for the sessional periods in 2026:
   (a) First sessional period: Monday, 8 June, to Thursday, 18 June;
   (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 9 November, to Friday, 20 November;

11. Also adopts the following dates for the sessional periods in 2027:
   (a) First sessional period: Monday, 7 June, to Thursday, 17 June;
   (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 8 November, to Friday, 19 November.