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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

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Agenda item 14

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of document FCCC/SBI/2015/2 and welcomed the views expressed by Parties therein.
2. The SBI expressed its gratitude to the Government of France for offering to host the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) in Paris, France, from Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December 2015. It took note with appreciation of the preparations and efforts that the Government of France and the secretariat are undertaking to ensure the success of COP 21 and CMP 11.
3. The SBI recommended that arrangements be made to organize the high-level segment of COP 21 and CMP 11 building on earlier efforts on time management, and to ensure a timely closure of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Paris. In this context, meetings of the COP and the CMP will be convened in the morning of 11 December for the adoption of decisions and conclusions. The SBI also recommended that the delivery of statements by representatives of Parties, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in the joint meetings of the COP and the CMP during the high-level segment be kept concise and respect the recommended time limits established for previous sessions.<sup>1</sup>
4. The SBI took note of the evolving circumstances in the negotiations and the need to be flexible in the organization of COP 21 and CMP 11. Given the political significance of the outcomes of the Paris Conference, the SBI invited the President Designate of COP 21 and CMP 11, in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements for COP 21 and CMP 11.
5. The SBI requested the secretariat to make this information on the final arrangements for COP 21 and CMP 11 available to Parties and observers as soon as possible in order to allow them to effectively plan for the sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraph 205.

6. The SBI took note of the initiative undertaken by the COP 20 and CMP 10 Presidency, the incoming COP 21 and CMP 11 Presidency and the secretariat on the Lima–Paris Action Agenda, which showcases the actions of non-State actors. It also encouraged the secretariat to engage with observers, including civil society, the private sector and other non-State actors, when organizing expert discussions on matters that are relevant to their experience in and expertise on climate change action.

7. The SBI underlined the importance of the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness in making arrangements for high-level engagement at the Paris Conference.

8. The SBI took note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 21 and CMP 11.

9. The SBI also took note of the information provided by the Government of Morocco on the status of its plans to host COP 22 and CMP 12 in Marrakesh.<sup>2</sup> The SBI looks forward to the Government of Morocco and the secretariat providing additional information to the Bureau on arrangements for ensuring that all logistical, technical, legal and financial elements for hosting the sessions are available, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243. The SBI requested the secretariat to report on the status of preparations and arrangements for COP 22 and CMP 12 at SBI 44 (May 2016).

10. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 23 and CMP 13 would come from the Asia-Pacific States. It invited Parties to come forward with offers to host COP 23 and CMP 13.

11. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2020 for consideration at COP 21:<sup>3</sup>

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 1 June to Thursday, 11 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 9 November to Friday, 20 November.

12. The SBI welcomed the views expressed by Parties on the frequency and organization of sessions of the COP, the CMP and their subsidiary bodies. It recognized the need to take into account the important role of implementation after 2015 as well as the implications of any change in the frequency and organization of sessions for work programmes and mandates post-2015. In this regard, the SBI requested the secretariat to provide information for consideration at SBI 44 on a 10-year calendar for the organization of the intergovernmental process, including any budgetary considerations and implications, covering the following scenarios:

- (a) Annual COP/CMP sessions alternating between a host country and the seat of the secretariat;
- (b) Biennial COP/CMP sessions, including the option of alternating between a host country and the seat of the secretariat.

13. The SBI also welcomed the views expressed by Parties on adjusting the timing of the election of the President. It agreed to further consider at SBI 44 the issue of the frequency and organization of the sessions and the issue of adjusting the timing of the election of the President taking into account the scenarios outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2015/2 and the information requested in paragraph 12 above.

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<sup>2</sup> See decision 24/CP.20.

<sup>3</sup> Subject to decisions made on the organization of future sessions.