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## Subsidiary Body for Implementation

Fiftieth session

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Agenda item 17

**Arrangements for intergovernmental meetings**

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#### Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) took note of the document on arrangements for intergovernmental meetings<sup>1</sup> and the views on the frequency and location of sessions of the governing bodies after 2020, including their budgetary and other implications.<sup>2</sup>
2. The SBI also took note with appreciation of the preparations by the Government of Chile for ensuring the success of the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Santiago from 2 to 13 December 2019, which will include the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA).
3. The SBI invited the incoming Presidency of COP 25, CMP 15 and CMA 2, in consultation with the secretariat and the Bureau, to finalize the details of the arrangements of the conference and to keep Parties informed.
4. The SBI emphasized the importance of following the principles of openness, transparency and inclusiveness, and adhering to established procedures on decision-making in making arrangements for the conference.
5. The SBI welcomed the continued efforts of the Presidency, the incoming Presidency and the presiding officers of the subsidiary bodies to ensure the efficiency, coordination, coherence, management and due process in the consideration of issues under discussion.
6. The SBI requested the secretariat to take note of the views expressed by Parties on the possible elements of the provisional agendas for COP 25, CMP 15 and CMA 2.
7. The SBI agreed to continue to have joint meetings of the supreme bodies during the high-level segment of the conference and invited the secretariat to make arrangements for the delivery of concise national statements by ministers and other heads of delegation with a recommended time limit of three minutes, and statements by representatives of

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<sup>1</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/6.

<sup>2</sup> FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.1 and Add.1.



intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations with a recommended time limit of two minutes.

8. The SBI took note of the need to ensure efficient time management during the conference and requested the presiding officers, with the support of the secretariat, to continue to enhance efforts in this regard, noting the improvements that have already been made during past sessions and taking into account the views of Parties.

9. The SBI underlined the importance of the stocktake on pre-2020 implementation and ambition and the high-level event on enhancing climate action.

10. The SBI noted that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, the President of COP 26 would come from the Western European and other States. The SBI encouraged the Western European and other States to present an offer to host COP 26 as soon as possible and no later than at COP 25 in order to facilitate timely planning.

11. The SBI also noted that the President of COP 27 would come from the African States. The SBI encouraged the African States to initiate their consultations with a view to taking an early decision regarding proposing a host for COP 27.

12. The SBI recommended the following dates for the sessional periods in 2024, for consideration at COP 25:

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 3 June, to Thursday, 13 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 11 November, to Friday, 22 November.

13. The SBI encouraged the secretariat and hosts of future sessions of the governing bodies to take into consideration logistical arrangements that would facilitate ensuring full participation of all Parties.

14. The SBI welcomed the exchange of views by Parties on the issue of the frequency and location of sessions of the governing bodies taking place after 2020 and recalled the budgetary and other implications outlined in documents FCCC/SBI/2015/2 and FCCC/SBI/2016/2 and noted those outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2019/INF.1.

15. The SBI acknowledged that several issues need to be further considered prior to any change to the current annual cycle of the sessions of the governing bodies and requested the secretariat to prepare an information paper for consideration at its sixtieth session (2024) that further elaborates on the implications of changing the frequency of sessions of the governing bodies from the current annual cycle, taking into account mandates and commitments under the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, and the views and submissions of Parties.

16. The SBI welcomed the exchange of views by Parties on approaches and initiatives to increase the efficiency of the UNFCCC process towards enhancing ambition and strengthening implementation and agreed to continue considering this matter at SBI 52 (June 2020).

17. The SBI reaffirmed the value of contributions from observer organizations towards supporting the implementation of the Convention, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

18. The SBI welcomed the constructive exchange of views on identifying opportunities and improved practices to further enhance the openness, transparency, inclusiveness and balance of the effective engagement of observer organizations, noting that the UNFCCC process remains a Party-driven intergovernmental process and recommended that previous relevant SBI conclusions continue to be implemented.

19. The SBI noted that some Parties voluntarily support the participation of admitted non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at UNFCCC meetings and encouraged those Parties to also provide voluntary support, in particular to admitted NGOs from developing countries. The SBI invited Parties to provide information on the voluntary support provided.

20. The SBI reaffirmed the value of the open dialogue between Parties and admitted observer organization constituencies<sup>3</sup> and reiterated the invitation to future Presidencies to actively engage with relevant stakeholders, including youth, with the support of the secretariat, as appropriate, in the organization and facilitation of the open dialogue and welcomed the early dialogue between Parties, NGO constituencies and the incoming Presidency.

21. The SBI took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat referred to in paragraph 15 above and requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

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<sup>3</sup> FCCC/SBI/2017/7, para. 119(b)(i).