

Draft decision -/CP.16

Dates and venues of future sessions

Proposal by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling Article 7, paragraph 4, of the Convention,

Also recalling decision 9/CP.14,

Further recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985 on the pattern of conferences,

Recalling rule 22, paragraph 1, of the draft rules of procedure being applied regarding the rotation of the office of President among the five regional groups,

Noting that in keeping with the principle of rotation among regional groups, and in the light of recent consultations among the groups, the President of the seventeenth session would come from the African Group, the President of the eighteenth session would come from the Asian Group and the President of the nineteenth session would come from the Eastern European Group,

A. Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

1. *Recalls* that the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol shall be held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 9 December 2011;
2. *Reiterates* its request to the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of South Africa and to negotiate a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the thirty-fourth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

B. Date and venue of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

3. *Takes note* of the offers of the Governments of Qatar and the Republic of Korea to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol;
4. *Invites* Parties to consult further on the host of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, with a view to concluding these consultations not later than the thirty-fourth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation;

5. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its thirty-fourth session, to consider the issue of the host of the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, taking into account the offers and consultations referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 above, and to recommend a draft decision on this matter to the Conference of the Parties for adoption at its seventeenth session;

C. Date and venue of the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

6. *Invites* Parties to come forward with offers to host the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol.
