

Decision 17/CP.24

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 regional groups,

I. Dates and venues of future sessions

A. 2019

1. *Decides* to accept with appreciation the offer of the Government of Chile to host the twenty-fifth session of the Conference of the Parties, the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the second session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement;
2. *Acknowledges* the request of the Government of Chile to review the planned dates of the sessions referred to in paragraph 1 above, and invites the Executive Secretary to conduct consultations on the matter and to inform the Bureau of the outcome of the consultations;
3. *Invites* the Bureau to decide on the dates of the sessions;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue consultations with the Government of Chile and to negotiate and finalize a Host Country Agreement for convening the sessions, in conformity with United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 and in compliance with the provisions of United Nations administrative instruction ST/AI/342, with a view to concluding and signing the Host Country Agreement not later than the fiftieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2019) for its prompt implementation;
5. *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 such sessions, and to report back regularly to the Bureau;

B. 2020

6. *Notes* that, in keeping with the principle of rotation among the regional groups, the President of the twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol and the third 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;
7. *Invites* Parties to undertake further consultations on the hosting of the sessions referred to in paragraph 6 above;
8. *Requests* the Subsidiary Body for Implementation, at its fiftieth session, to consider the issue of the host of the sessions referred to in paragraph 6 above and to recommend a draft decision on the matter for consideration and adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-fifth session (December 2019);

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

9. *Decides* to adopt the following dates for the sessional periods in 2023:

- (a) First sessional period: Monday, 5 June, to Thursday, 15 June;
- (b) Second sessional period: Monday, 6 November, to Friday, 17 November.

*8th plenary meeting
14 December 2018*