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Agenda Item 31

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOSTING THE 13th MEETING
OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

(Prepared by the Secretariat)

Summary:

Each meeting of the Conference of the Parties should determine the time and venue of the next meeting.

Rev.1 of this document contains a draft Decision regarding the offer of the Government of India to host the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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Background

1. Under Article VII paragraph 3 of the Convention, the Secretariat shall convene ordinary meetings of the Conference of the Parties at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Conference decides otherwise.
2. With respect to the 12th Meeting of the Conference of Parties, on behalf of the Parties, the Secretariat express its gratitude to the Government of the Philippines for hosting the meeting in Manila in October 2017 as well as the 46th and 47th Meetings of the Standing Committee.
3. With respect to upcoming meetings of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat issued [Notification 2016/36](#) on 15 December 2016 inviting Parties to submit offers to host the 13th in 2020 and 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2023, including associated meetings of the Standing Committee.
4. On 18 October 2017, the Government of India submitted an official offer to host the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2020.

Recommended actions

The Conference of the Parties is recommended to:

- a) adopt the draft Decision contained in Annex 1 of this document;

DRAFT DECISION

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Directed to Parties

12.AA Parties decide to

Accept the offer of the Government of India to host 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties in 2020

Directed to the Standing Committee

12.AA The Standing Committee shall

Engage with the Host Government and the Secretariat to progress the planning of the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to be hosted by the Government of India in 2020