



Convention on Biological Diversity

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Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity Seventeenth meeting

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Agenda item 5

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Draft decision submitted by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [XIII/33](#) of 17 December 2016, in which the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity¹ set, in line with rule 21, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure for its meetings,² the rotation of the office of the President among the five United Nations regional groups, starting from its seventeenth meeting,

Taking note with appreciation of the offers made by the Government of Ecuador and the Government of Panama to host the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety³ and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization,⁴

1. *Decides* that the eighteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from Their Utilization will be held in Quito, Ecuador, in the last quarter of 2028;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Ecuador, with a view to negotiating a hosting arrangement in conformity with the applicable resolutions of the United Nations and in compliance with the guidelines for the preparation of host government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243⁵ in order to conclude and sign a host country agreement at least six months before the date of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

3. *Invites* interested Parties from among the African States to notify the Executive Secretary in a timely manner of their offers to host the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

² Decision [I/1](#), as amended in decision [V/20](#).

³ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2226, No. 30619.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 3008, No. 30619.

⁵ ST/AI/342.

meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol.
