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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Thirteenth meeting  
Cancun, Mexico, 4-17 December 2016  
Agenda item 6

**DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON  
BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY**

**XIII/33. Date and venue of future meetings of the Conference of the Parties**

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling decision XII/35,*

*Taking note* with appreciation, of the offers made by the Government of Egypt and the Government of Turkey to host the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and the concurrent meetings of the Parties to the Cartagena and Nagoya Protocols,

*Also taking note* with appreciation, the cooperative spirit demonstrated by the Government of Turkey in favour of holding the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in the African region, and in that regard offering to host the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

*Further taking note* with appreciation, of the offers made by the Government of China and the Government of Peru to host the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and of the subsequent cooperative arrangement made between the two Governments,

*Taking note* of recommendation 1/11 of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation and the outcomes of consultations conducted by the Executive Secretary with the four Governments concerned;

1. *Decides* that the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in Egypt in the last quarter of 2018;

2. *Decides also* that the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol and the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in China in the last quarter of 2020;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Peru for its offer to host intersessional open-ended meetings prior to the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

4. *Further decides* that the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, as well as the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the

Cartagena Protocol and the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Nagoya Protocol will be held in Turkey;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with these Governments with a view to negotiating hosting arrangements in conformity with the applicable resolutions of the United Nations and in compliance with the guidelines for the preparation of host government agreements<sup>1</sup> in order to conclude and sign a host country agreement at least six months prior to the date of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties in question;

6. *Agrees*, in line with the rule 21, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure with respect to rotation of the office of the President among the five United Nations regional groups, that, starting from the seventeenth meeting, the President of the Conference of the Parties should be elected from among the five regional groups in the following order: Central and Eastern Europe; Latin America and the Caribbean; Africa; Asia and the Pacific; and Western Europe and Others Group; and accordingly *invites* Parties to undertake consultations on the hosting of the future meetings of the Conference of the Parties that follow the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, with a view to nominating the President from among the Parties of their respective regions;

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<sup>1</sup> ST/AI/342.