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**Conference of the Parties to the Bamako Convention
on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary
Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa
Second meeting**
Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
30 January–1 February 2018

Decision 2/5: Reviewing the arrangements for hosting the secretariat

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling paragraph 1 of article 16 of the Bamako Convention on the Ban of the Import into Africa and the Control of Transboundary Movement and Management of Hazardous Wastes within Africa, establishing the functions of the secretariat,

Recalling also its decision 1/6 entitled “Institutional arrangements for the implementation of Convention: Establishment of a Secretariat” adopted by the Conference of Parties at its first meeting, in which it decided that the secretariat’s functions would be carried out by the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling further United Nations Environment Assembly resolution 1/16, in which the Assembly authorized the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to carry out the secretariat functions of the Bamako Convention specified in decision 1/6,

Taking note of the outcomes of the informal consultative meeting among parties to the Bamako Convention, held in Nairobi on 26 May 2016, in particular regarding a possible review of the institutional arrangements for hosting the secretariat of the Bamako Convention,

Bearing in mind the offer made by the Government of Mali to host the secretariat of the Bamako Convention,

Bearing in mind also the unanimous approval of that proposal by the Conference of the Parties at its second meeting held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 30 January to 1 February 2018,

Determined to ensure that the secretariat is well endowed with both human and financial resources to support and collaborate with the parties in effectively implementing and enforcing the Bamako Convention,

1. *Requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau and the Government of Mali, to develop scenarios for the establishment and staffing of the secretariat of the Convention in Bamako, Mali;
2. *Also requests* the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, to prepare a draft decision on the matter for review by the Conference of the Parties at its extraordinary meeting to be held in Khartoum in February 2019.