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**Third 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**

Brazzaville, Congo
Expert Segment
12 - 13 February 2020

Item 7 of the provisional agenda: **Date and venue of the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties**

Note by the Secretariat

1. Introduction

- a) In accordance with paragraph 2 of Decision 1/1 on Rules of Procedure, meetings of the Conference of Parties take place on a bi-annual basis.
- b) Rules 2 and 3 of the Rules of Procedures provide that each Ordinary session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at a date fixed by the Conference at the previous session.
- c) Further, Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure states that Ordinary sessions shall be held at the venue chosen by the Conference of the Parties at a previous session upon invitation by a member State. Failing such an invitation, the session shall be convened at the location of the Secretariat.
- d) Parties are called upon to make offers for the venue and propose dates of the fourth session.
- e) Parties are also requested to consider using the African Union practice of geographical balance in determining the venue of the next session.

2. Proposed action

The Secretariat has prepared a draft decision contained for consideration by the Conference.

Draft Decision CB 3/7: Date and venue of the fourth conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties:

Recalling paragraph 2 of Decision 1/1 of the Rules of Procedure which states that meetings of the Conference of Parties take place on a bi-annual basis;

Bearing in mind Rules 2, 3 and 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of the Parties;

Considering the gracious offers received from the Parties to host the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Decides

1. *To welcome* the offer made by the [Government of XXXX] to host the fourth session Conference of the Parties.

2. *To request* the Secretariat to convene the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties in XXXXX 2022 in [City, Country Name].