# RESOLUTION 6.19

DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE 7th SESSION OF THE

MEETING OF THE PARTIES

*Recalling* Article VI, paragraph 2 of the Agreement, which states that the Agreement Secretariat shall convene ordinary sessions of the Meeting of the Parties, in consultation with the Convention Secretariat, at intervals of not more than three years, unless the Meeting of the Parties decides otherwise,

*Appreciating* the benefits that may accrue to the Agreement and to Parties by holding sessions of the Meeting of the Parties in different regions within the Agreement area.

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Decides* that the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties shall take place in 2018;
2. *Invites* interestedParties to communicate to the Secretariat within six months their interest in hosting the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties;
3. *Requests* the Standing Committee to decide on behalf of the Meeting of the Parties, the venue of the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties, taking into account the expressions of interest received from Parties;
4. *Invites* Contracting Parties to make voluntary contributions towards the organization of the 7th Session of the Meeting of the Parties.