DRAFT RESOLUTION 8.13

**DATE, VENUE AND FUNDING OF THE 9th SESSION OF THE**

**MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO AEWA**

*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, particularly those with developing economies, to host sessions of the Meeting of the Parties in different regions in the Agreement area,

*The Meeting of the Parties:*

1. *Invites interested Parties to communicate to the Secretariat within six months their interest in hosting the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties.*

2. Requests the Standing Committee to decide on behalf of the Meeting of the Parties, the venue of the 9th Session of the Meeting of the Parties, taking into account the expressions of interest received from Parties.