



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2018/071

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CONCERNING:

### Nineteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

1. In accordance with Article XI, paragraph 4, of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties, at its 18th meeting, to be held in Colombo (Sri Lanka), from 23 May to 3 June 2019, may decide on the venue of the 19th meeting, which is expected to be held during 2022. Any Party wishing to host the 19th meeting should announce its offer formally at the meeting in Colombo through an official representative duly authorized to do so.
2. If several States offer to host the 19th meeting, the Conference of the Parties will choose the host country by a secret ballot vote.
3. The Secretariat invites Parties that might be interested in hosting the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to indicate this to the Secretariat. Following receipt of the expressions of interest, the Secretariat will provide copies of the *Host Country Agreement* that should be signed by the host country and the Secretariat, and of the provisional *Statement of Requirements*, which is an integral part of the Host Country Agreement.