



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/018

Geneva, 24 March 2022

CONCERNING:

### Twentieth 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 19th meeting, to be held in Panama City (Panama), from 14 to 25 November 2022, may decide on the venue of the 20th meeting, which is expected to be held during 2025. Any Party wishing to host the 20th meeting should announce its offer formally at the meeting in Panama City through an official representative duly authorized to do so.
2. If several States offer to host the 20th 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 20th 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.