

Decision 34/COP.15

Dates and venues of future sessions of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Also recalling rule 3 of the rules of procedure,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985,

I. Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

1. *Accepts* with gratitude the generous offer of the Government of Saudi Arabia to host the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties and to meet the additional costs;
2. *Decides* that the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in Saudi Arabia in 2024;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Saudi Arabia to prepare for the sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with the Government of Saudi Arabia;

II. Seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties

4. *Accepts* with gratitude the generous offer of the Government of Mongolia to host the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties and to meet the additional costs;
5. *Decides* that the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in Mongolia in 2026;
6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Mongolia to prepare for the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with the Government of Mongolia.

6th plenary meeting

20 May 2022