Decision 31/COP.17

Date and venue of the eighteenth session 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,

1. *Accepts* with gratitude the generous offer of the Government of Egypt to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;

2. *Decides* that the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in Egypt, in 2028, at a date to be determined;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Egypt with a view to concluding a legally binding agreement at the international level for that Government to host the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties in Egypt, and to meet the additional costs.

13th plenary meeting
28 August 2026