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NOTIFICATION TO OBSERVERS

The secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) herewith would like to inform that, upon request of His Excellency Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, of the Republic of India and President of the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), **an extraordinary session of the COP should be organized for the purpose of considering and approving an interim programme budget for the secretariat's operations in 2022.**

According to Rule 4.3 of the rules of procedure of the COP, the second extraordinary session of the COP (COP(ES-2)) shall be convened within three months of the request being communicated to the Parties by the UNCCD secretariat, provided that, it is supported by at least one third of the Parties.

In the event that the above request is accepted, the secretariat would circulate a proposal for an interim budget for 2022 as soon as possible and not later than six weeks before the date of the COP(ES-2). Informal consultations with a view to adopt a draft budget decision would be facilitated through an Informal group on budget to be constituted along the lines of the Budget Contact Group format at ordinary sessions of the COP. It is envisaged that COP(ES-2) would consider the draft decision for approval through a silence/written procedure that would take place **within the period 6 to 9 December 2021.**

Information on further arrangements for the COP(ES-2) session will be communicated in due time.

Sincerely yours,

(Original signed by)
Ibrahim Thiaw
Executive Secretary

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