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NOTIFICATION TO OBSERVERS

The secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) would like to inform that, further to Note Verbale issued on 28 June 2021, the Secretariat has received, as of 2 September, letters from 89 Parties to the Convention, communicating their support to the convening of the second extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties COP(ES-2) from 6 to 9 December 2021. The COP(ES-2) be conducted through a silence/written procedure for the purpose of considering and approving an interim programme budget for the secretariat's operations in 2022.

As indicated in the above-mentioned Note Verbale, it is requested that representatives of Parties to the Convention be provided with full powers to participate in the session. In accordance with Rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the COP, the credentials of delegations shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. Parties are kindly requested to observe this requirement.

It is brought to the attention of States that are not Parties at the time of COP(ES-2) that, in accordance with article 22, paragraph 7 of the Convention and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, any body or agency, whether national or international, governmental or non-governmental, which is qualified in matters covered by the Convention and which has informed the Permanent Secretariat of its wish to be represented at a session of the Conference of the Parties as an observer may be so admitted unless at least one third of the Parties present at the session object.

The provisional annotated agenda and the main document for the session addressing the interim programme budget for 2022 are made available as advance copies in English only on the UNCCD website¹. Ensuing language versions will be posted as soon as available

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¹ Please check the following link for COP(ES-2) webpage <https://www.unccd.int/conventionconference-parties-cop/cop-es-2-extraordinary-session>



The secretariat would be grateful if your organization would kindly nominate the representative(s) who will attend COP(ES-2). **Online registration will be available from 15 September 2021 and it will be announced on UNCCD website.**² All participants are required to upload an official nomination letter to attend the COP(ES-2) session.

Sincerely yours,

(Original signed by)
Ibrahim Thiaw
Executive Secretary

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