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Agenda item 4

Procedural matters: Programme of work for the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Date and venue of the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

Draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 2 (a) and (c) of the Convention,

Also recalling decision XX/COP.13 and its annex containing the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

Further recalling decisions 2/COP.12, 15/COP.12 and XX/COP.13 (decision on reporting),

1. *Decides*, subject to the availability of resources, that the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention should be held in the second half of 2018 at the most cost-effective venue of either Bonn, Germany – the site of the Convention secretariat – or any other venue with United Nations conference facilities in the event that no Party makes an offer to host the session and meet the additional financial costs;
2. *Invites* the secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to accommodate any offer from a Party to host the seventeenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to take the necessary measures to prepare for that session, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with a host country/government.

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