

## Decision 20/COP.11

### **Date and venue of the thirteenth session 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* its decision 11/COP.9 and its annex containing the terms of reference of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention,

*Recognizing* that regional meetings play an important role in reviewing progress and make a useful contribution to the implementation of the Convention and the 10-year strategic plan and framework to enhance the implementation of the Convention (2008–2018) (The Strategy),

*Underlining* the importance of a coordinated reporting process that leaves sufficient time for reporting entities to collect, process and submit information on the implementation of The Strategy, as well as sufficient time for data quality checks to be undertaken by the Convention's institutions,

1. *Decides* that the thirteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention shall be held for five working days in the period from 18–27 November 2014, in Bonn, Germany, the site of the Convention secretariat, or in any other venue with United Nations conference facilities, in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and meet the additional financial cost;
2. *Requests* the secretariat to review the provisions for regional meetings in preparation for the meetings of the Committee, as contained in its biennial costed work programme, and to seek financial contributions to enable those meetings to take place in the five affected regions;
3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to accommodate any offer from a Party to host the thirteenth session of the Committee;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare that session, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement on the international level with a host country/government.

*9<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting*  
*26 September 2013*