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**Conference of the Parties**

**Second extraordinary session**

Bonn, 6–9 December 2021

Agenda item 5

**Closure of the session**

**Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties  
to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification  
at the closure of the second extraordinary session**

I would like to welcome all representatives of Parties and observers to the last day of the second extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

I am pleased to announce that the second extraordinary session held through the silence procedure, from 6 to 9 December 2021, has achieved its objective of adopting an interim programme and budget for the year 2022. I would like to express my deepest thanks to all representatives of Parties and observers for their understanding, contribution and cooperation. In this closing communication, I would like to report on the following items.

**3. Programme and budget – Proposed interim budget for 2022**

I am pleased to announce that no comments were received during the 72 hours of silence. Through their silence, Parties expressed their agreement to the adoption of the decision submitted to them. Therefore, the following decision submitted at the recommendation of the President of the COP was adopted by the Conference:

1/COP.ES-2 Interim programme and budget for 2022.

**4. Report on the session**

Further to my opening statement, I am hereby circulating the draft report of the session which, at this point, is deemed to have been adopted by the COP.

**5. Closure of the session**

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to all representatives of Parties and observers who engaged with us in this extraordinary process for their patience, cooperation and contribution.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fifteenth session of the COP in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, in May 2022.

I hereby declare the second extraordinary session of the COP to the UNCCD closed.



(Signed) Mr. Bhupender Yadav,  
Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of India and  
President of the Conference of the Parties to the  
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

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