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Venue

1. The Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) at its eighth session decided, in accordance with article 22, paragraph 5, of the Convention, rule 3 and rule 4, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the COP, to convene an extraordinary session of the COP in New York, before the end of the year 2007.

2. Further to consultations with the President of the COP and the relevant services of the United Nations Secretariat, it has been agreed that the first extraordinary session of the COP will be held in New York, at the Headquarters of the United Nations, on 26 November 2007.

Logistic arrangements

3. Information on the venue of the extraordinary session of the COP, including on registration and security procedures, as well as other logistic arrangements for the session, is contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.1.

Participants

4. In accordance with article 36, paragraph 2, of the Convention, for each State or regional economic integration organization ratifying, accepting, approving or acceding to the Convention after the deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of deposit by such State or regional economic integration organization of its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Consequently, the Parties as at the opening of the extraordinary session of the COP on 26 November 2007 will be those States and regional economic integration organizations to have deposited their instruments by 28 August 2007. Any Parties that deposit their instruments after that date will not become Parties until after the closure of the session but can participate in the session as observers, together with the United Nations, its specialized agencies, any State member thereof or observers thereto not Party to the Convention, as well as accredited intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations (IGOs and NGOs). Relevant information on the status of ratifications has been made available on the Convention website (<www.unccd.int>).

Agenda

5. The agenda of the first extraordinary session of the COP, as contained in the present document, has been prepared in accordance with rules 9 and 14 of the rules of procedure of the COP and the oral decision taken by the COP at its eighth session as contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/16.

Documentation

6. A list of documents for the session is provided in annex I. In addition to normal distribution, official documents for the session will be made available on the Convention website (<www.unccd.int>).

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

7. The COP will have before it the provisional agenda contained in this document to consider for adoption. A tentative schedule of work for the session is contained in annex II.

Purpose of the session

8. The tasks of the COP are defined in article 22, paragraph 2, of the Convention. In particular, article 22, paragraph 2 (g) of the Convention calls on the COP to approve a programme and budget for its activities, including those of its subsidiary bodies, and to undertake necessary arrangements for their financing.

Organization of work

9. The COP may wish to consider the following scenario with regard to the organization of work of its extraordinary session. The President of COP 8 would open the session and call for the adoption of the agenda and organization of work. Subsequently, the COP would consider the report of the Bureau on credentials of delegations and the report by the secretariat on accreditation of IGOs and NGOs and admission of observers. The COP would then consider agenda item 4 of the present tentative agenda. The proposed programme of work of the first extraordinary session of the COP is contained in annex II.

10. The proposed schedule allows for the COP to conclude its deliberations on 26 November 2007. No provision has been made for an extension of meetings of the first extraordinary session of the COP after this date.

Times of meetings

11. The tentative schedule aims to make best use of the facilities available during the working hours (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.) in order to avoid incurring overtime expenses. No provision has been made for more than one official meeting to be held with interpretation services at any one time.

2. Credentials of delegations

12. In accordance with rules 19 and 20 of the rules of procedure, the Bureau of the COP will examine the credentials of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers and will submit its report to the COP for its decision. The report on credentials will be contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3. In accordance with rule 21 of the rules of procedure, representatives will be entitled to participate provisionally in the session, pending a decision by the COP to accept their credentials.

3. Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers

13. In accordance with the provisions of article 22, paragraph 7, of the Convention, of rules 6 and 7 of the rules of procedure, and of decision 26/COP.1, a list of IGOs and NGOs proposed for accreditation at the first extraordinary session of the COP is contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4.

4. Programme and budget - Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008–2009

14. The Conference of the Parties at its eighth session (COP 8) did not complete consideration of agenda item 6, programme and budget, of its agenda.

15. In accordance with rule 4 of the financial rules of the COP, the COP shall consider the budget estimates and adopt by consensus a core budget authorizing expenditures other than those from the Supplementary Fund and the Special Fund, prior to the commencement of the financial period covered by the budget.

16. COP 8 thus decided to convene an extraordinary session of the COP to agree upon the level of increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008–2009, without reopening negotiations on the rest of the text of the draft decision submitted by the Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole at the 9th plenary meeting of the Conference (ICCD/COP(8)/L.27), on which consensus was reached by Parties at COP 8.

17. Annexed to document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2 is the text of the draft decision on the programme and budget for the biennium 2008–2009 as contained in document ICCD/COP(8)/L.27, for reference and any decision that the Conference may wish to take.

5. Report on the session

18. A draft report of the session will be prepared for adoption at the concluding plenary meeting on 26 November 2007, in accordance with established practice. The COP will be invited to authorize its Rapporteur to finalize the report after the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the President.

Annex I**List of documents****Documents before the first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties**

<u>Document symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2	Programme and budget - Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008–2009. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3	Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.1	Information for participants
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.2	Status of ratification of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.3	List of participants

Other documents available at the session

ICCD/COP(8)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session, held in Madrid from 3 to 14 September 2007. Part one: proceedings
ICCD/COP(8)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighth session, held in Madrid from 3 to 14 September 2007. Part two: action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session
ICCD/COP(7)/16	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session, held in Nairobi from 17 to 28 October 2005. Part one: proceedings
ICCD/COP(7)/16/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventh session, held in Nairobi from 17 to 28 October 2005. Part two: action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session
ICCD/COP(1)/11/Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its first session, held in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997. Part two: action taken by the Conference of the Parties at its first session

Annex II

Tentative schedule of work

Monday, 26 November 2007		
	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
P L E N A R Y	<p><i>Opening of the session by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session</i></p> <p><i>Statement by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session</i></p> <p><i>Statement by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of the agenda and organization of work <i>(ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1)</i> • Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers <i>(ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme and budget - Consideration of the increase in the Convention's budget for the biennium 2008–2009 <i>(ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2)</i> • Credentials of delegations <i>Report of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3)</i>
