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**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE SECRETARIAT AND ITS HOST COUNTRY**

Draft decision submitted by the President of the Committee of the Whole

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision 5/COP.1 on the physical location of the permanent secretariat of the Convention,

*Having considered* document ICCD/COP(7)/14 on relations between the secretariat and its host country,

*Noting with appreciation* that the secretariat's relationship with the Government of Germany continues to evolve constructively,

*Welcoming* the proposal made by the Government of Germany to move the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to the new United Nations campus facilities in Bonn,

1. *Requests* the UNCCD secretariat to continue developing its relations with the Government of Germany, the State of North Rhine-Westphalia and the City of Bonn, as well as with academia and the private sector;
2. *Encourages* the secretariat to seek more cost-effective solutions for official meetings to be held in Bonn, pending the availability of adequate conference facilities;
3. *Invites* the Government of Germany to continue contributing, on a voluntary basis, to UNCCD meetings organized in Bonn;
4. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session on further progress made in its relations with the host country.

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