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DATE AND VENUE OF THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the President of the Conference of the Parties at its seventh session

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 4 of the Convention,

Recalling also its decision 1/COP.2 on ordinary sessions of the Conference of the Parties,

Further recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985,

1. *Accepts* with gratitude the generous offer of the Government of Spain to host the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification;

2. *Decides* that the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in Spain in autumn 2007;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult with the Government of Spain with a view to entering into satisfactory arrangements for that Government to host the Conference in Spain and to meet the related costs.

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