

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

AND

THE NATIONAL FORESTRY COMMISSION (CONAFOR) OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

AND

THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN

THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA (UNCCD)

REGARDING THE FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CST S4)

CANCÚN, QUINTANA ROO, MÉXICO. MARCH 9TH TO 12TH 2015

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Forestry Commission of the United Mexican States on behalf of the Government of the United Mexican States (hereinafter referred to as "CONAFOR") and the Permanent Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (hereinafter referred to as "the secretariat"),

WHEREAS by decision 28/COP.11 the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (hereinafter referred to as "the Convention") has decided that the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "CST S4" or "Conference"), be hold at the latest by the end of April 2015 in Bonn, Germany, or in any of the other venues with United Nations conference facilities, in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and meet the additional financial cost;

WHEREAS decision 28/COP.11 requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to accommodate any offer from a Party to host the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology with its UNCCD 3rd Scientific Conference;

WHEREAS decision 28/COP.11 also requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare for the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with a host country/government;

WHEREAS decision 28/COP.11 further requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate the participation of the eligible science and technology correspondents in the fourth special session of the Committee on Science and Technology;

WHEREAS after consultations between CONAFOR and the secretariat it has been decided that the CST S4 will take place in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, from 9 to 12 of March 2015.

WHEREAS in accordance with article 23, paragraph 2(a) of the Convention, among the functions of the Secretariat is to "make arrangements for sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies" and "to provide them with services as required";

WHEREAS the Secretariat, pursuant to article 23, paragraph 2(e) of the Convention, is empowered, inter alia, "to enter into such administrative and contractual arrangements as may be required for the effective discharge of its functions";

NOW THEREFORE the secretariat and CONAFOR, have agreed as follows:

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ARTICLE 1
Date and Place of the Conference

The Conference will be held at the Cancun Center Conventions and Exhibitions (hereinafter referred as "the Conference Centre"), in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, from the 9th to the 12th of March 2015.

ARTICLE 2
Participation and Attendance at the Conference

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Convention and the rules of procedure of the Conference of the Parties, the Conference of the Parties will be open to:

- (a) Representatives of the Parties to the Convention;
- (b) Representatives of observers referred to in article 22, paragraph 7, of the Convention;
- (c) Representatives of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;
- (d) Representatives of the observer organizations referred to in article 22, paragraph 7, of the Convention;
- (e) Other persons invited by the secretariat;
- (f) Officials of the secretariat and other officials of the United Nations.

2. The Executive Secretary assigns the officials of the Secretariat and other officials of the United Nations to attend the Conference for the purpose of servicing it.

3. The public meetings of the Conference will be open to representatives of the information media accredited to the Conference, in consultation with CONAFOR. Such meetings shall also be open to other persons invited by the secretariat.

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