Decision 22/COP.4

Date and venue of the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

 $\it Recalling$ article 22, paragraph 4, of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985,

- 1. Expresses its sincere appreciation to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany as well as the government of North-Rhine/Westphalia and the City of Bonn for the warm welcome and the substantial support provided to facilitate the holding of the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties;
- 2. Decides that the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held at Bonn, Germany, the site of the Convention secretariat, from 17 to 28 September 2001, in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and to meet the additional financial cost;
- 3. Invites the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Bureau to accommodate, by 31 March 2001, any offer from a Party to host the fifth session;
- 4. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare for the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties.

12th Plenary 22 December 2000