## **Decision 35/COP.12**

## Date and venue of the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling article 22, paragraph 4, of the UNCCD,

Also recalling rule 3 of the rules of procedure,

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

- 1. Decides that the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties shall be held in Bonn, Germany, the site of the Convention secretariat, in autumn 2017, or at another venue arranged by the secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties as soon as possible in the event that no Party makes an offer to host that session and meet the additional costs:
- 2. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties, to accommodate any offer from a Party to host the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties;
- 3. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to prepare for the thirteenth session of the Conference of the Parties, including the conclusion of a legally binding agreement at the international level with a host country/government.

12<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting 23 October 2015