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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI Desertification)
Date:	11 February 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	Videoconference

1. Roadmap for the work under the Cyprus Presidency
= *Information from the Presidency*
2. Report from the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention (CRIC)
= *Information from the Bureau members*
3. CRIC 23 of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) (1–5 December 2025, Panama City, Panama): Report on the main outcomes
= *Information from the CRIC23 Bureau members and discussion*
4. Preparations of UNCCD COP17 (17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia):
 - 4.1 Organisational matters and indicative burden sharing table
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*

- 4.2 Geopolitical context
 - = *Information from the Presidency and the European External Action Service (EEAS) and discussion*
- 4.3 Environmentally harmful subsidies
 - = *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 5. Intergovernmental Working Group on the Future Strategic Framework (IWG FSF)
 - 5.1 Update on the first in-person meeting of the IWG FSF and ongoing work strands (including the outline of paper on future financing)
 - = *Information from the Commission and Lead Expert*
 - 5.2 Request for inputs from the Regional Groups on possible key elements for consideration into the future strategic framework of the UNCCD
 - = *Information from the Presidency and COP Bureau member and discussion*
- 6. Process on drought
 - 6.1. Second Meeting of the Tafa'ul Process on Drought Resilience – (09-11 February 2026, Bonn, Germany)
 - = *Information from the Presidency, Commission and other participants to the Tafa'ul meeting and discussion*
 - 6.2. EU and its Member States contribution to the process on drought
 - = *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 7. Possible in-person event(s) to be considered for 16 and/or 17 June 2026 in Brussels
 - = *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
- 8. Any other business

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