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Subject:	Informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Desertification)
Date:	29 July 2026
Time:	10:00
Venue:	Videoconference

1. Preparations of UNCCD COP17 (17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia):
 - a) UNCCD COP17 Political declaration
 - = *Information on the second step of the Non-Binding Instrument procedure*
 - = *Discussion on the draft Political Declaration*
 - b) Update on the informal risk and scenario planning working group
 - = *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
 - c) Organisational matters
 - = *Information from the UNCCD Secretariat, the Presidency, and discussion*
2. Draft EU and its Member States Position Papers for UNCCD COP17 (17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia):
 - a) State of play and timelines
 - = *Information from the Presidency*
 - b) Discussion on the drafts

3. Practical arrangements for UNCCD COP17 (17-28 August 2026, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia)
= *Information from the Presidency and discussion*
4. Pre-COP 17 Outreach
 - a) Update on outreach
= *Information from the Presidency and the Commission*
 - b) Update from other MS-led engagement
= *Information from Member States*
5. Any other business

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