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Honorable President,

Subject: Tenth Session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Round Table for Parliamentarians (Windhoek, Republic Namibia, 20-21 September 2013)

We have the honor to refer to previous communication (August 2012) with your National Parliament in which the UNCCD Secretariat informed on the organization of the above-mentioned event in 2013 and invited you to designate a contact person.

We are pleased to inform that the Republic of Namibia has generously offered to host the Eleventh Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the UNCCD. It is therefore planned to organize the Round Table for Parliamentarians at the venue of the COP 11 in Windhoek on 20-21 September 2013.

We have the honor to cordially invite you to attend or designate a representative from your National Assembly to actively participate in the Tenth Session of the Round Table for Parliamentarians.

This event is jointly organized by the National Assembly of the Republic of Namibia and the UNCCD Secretariat. It will take place at the Windhoek Country Club Resort, B1 Western Bypass in Windhoek South.

During the Round Table, Parliamentarians will share views and provide the Conference of the Parties with specific recommendations of direct interest to the implementation of the UNCCD. Please find attached the provisional agenda for the parliamentary session.

Members of Parliament from around the world will participate in this important event. The working languages for the meeting will be English, French and Spanish.

In order to assist the Parliamentarians in preparing for the Round Table session, a document entitled "information for participants" (ICCD/COP(11)/INF.1) is made available on the UNCCD website (www.unccd.int) together with other substantive documentation.

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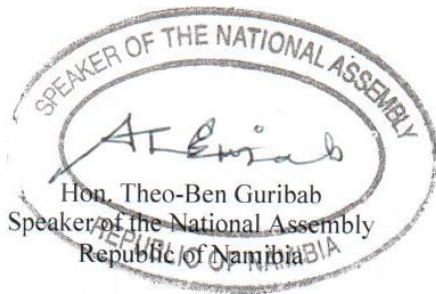
We would be grateful to receive your response at your earliest convenience however no later than **9 August 2013** to the following address:

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The UNCCD Secretariat would like to remind that the confirmation letter for participation should include the full name, exact title and contact details including E-mail, telephone and fax numbers, as well as a passport-size photograph of the nominee. The photograph is not required for participants that have attended the Ninth Session in 2011.

We look forward to receiving your response to this invitation and to the active participation of your National Parliament representative at the Tenth Session of the UNCCD Round Table for Parliamentarians.

Please accept, Honorable President, the assurances of our highest consideration.



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**Tenth Session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
 (UNCCD)
 Round Table for Parliamentarians
 Windhoek, Namibia
 20-21 September 2013**

Provisional Agenda

Friday 20 September 2013	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
09:30 – 10:15	Opening ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcoming remarks by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD - Statement by Mr. Haroun Kabadi, President of the Parliamentarians Steering Committee - Statement by Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:00	Adoption of the agenda and election of the Bureau
11:00 – 11:30	Consideration of the report of the Steering Committee
11:30 – 12:30	Item I Panel discussion: Land degradation Neutrality in the context of the Post 2015 global development framework
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch break

Friday 20 September 2013	
15:00 – 16:00	Item II: Introduction to the handbook for Parliamentarians in the context of the UNCCD Panel discussion on the role of Parliamentarians in the context of the UNCCD implementation processes
16:00 – 17:00	Discussion Wrap up session by the President of the Steering Committee
17:00	Election of a drafting Committee for the preparation of a Declaration
19:00	Reception offered by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia
Saturday 21 September 2013	
10:00 – 11:00	Item III: Consideration of the draft Declaration by Members of Parliaments
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:00	Continuation of Item III: Adoption of the Declaration by Members of Parliaments
12:00 – 12:30	Election of a new Steering Committee
12:30 – 13:00	Closing ceremony: - Statement by Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary of the UNCCD - Statement by Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia