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Dear Ms. Andresen,

Subject: Eleventh Session of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Round Table for Parliamentarians (Ankara, Turkey, 21-22 October 2015)

In my capacity as President of the UNCCD Parliamentarians' Forum, I am pleased to inform you that the Republic of Turkey has generously offered to host the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 12) to the UNCCD. Accordingly, the Round Table for Parliamentarians will be held at the COP12 venue, on 21-22 October 2015.

We have the honor to cordially invite you to attend and to actively participate in the Eleventh Session of the Round Table for Parliamentarians (RTP 11). This important event, organized conjointly by the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Turkey and the UNCCD secretariat, will be held at the "Congressium Ankara ATO International Convention and Exhibition Centre".

During this Round Table, a special session will be organized between the ministers attending the High Level Segment and the Parliamentarians to foster working cooperation on cross-cutting issues. In particular, the Parliamentarians will be invited to discuss the potential of land as a response to climate change, both as a mitigation tool and an adaptive measure.

In the aftermath of the United Nations Summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda, in which UNCCD expects Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) to be one of the sustainable development goals, Parliamentarians will also be invited to provide further guidance on the implementation of the LDN for an effective implementation of the Convention.

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In the perspective of the expected global climate agreement to be reached in Paris at the forthcoming climate change conference (December 2015), it is anticipated that parliamentarians will agree on a Declaration flagging the importance of land potentials in this agreement, as part of their recommendations to policy and decision-makers.

The provisional agenda for the parliamentarian's event is herewith attached for your consideration. In order to assist the Parliamentarians in preparing for the session, a document entitled "information for participants" (ICCD/COP(12)/INF.2) will be made available on the UNCCD website (www.unccd.int) together with other substantive documentation.

We would be grateful to receive your response at your earliest convenience at 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 previous Session of the Round Table of Parliamentarians (RTP 10 in Windhoek, Namibia in September 2013).

We look forward to receiving your response to this invitation and to welcoming you in Ankara next October.

Please accept, Dear Ms. Andresen, the assurances of our highest consideration.


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