

III/25. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the  
Conference of the Parties

The Conference of the Parties

1. Welcomes the kind offer of the Government of the Republic of Slovakia to host the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;
2. Decides that the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties will take place in Bratislava, Slovakia, from 4 to 15 May 1998.

III/26. Convening of regional and subregional meetings  
for Parties to the Convention

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision II/22,

Having benefited from such meetings by adopting decisions on agenda items of the third meeting of the Conference of the Parties,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to seek voluntary contributions to meet the administrative costs of the regional/subregional meetings;
2. Urges the Secretariat of the Convention to seek additional voluntary contributions for such meetings to facilitate the participation of developing country Parties, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States.

III/27. Tribute to the Government and people of the  
Argentine Republic

The Conference of the Parties,

Having met in Buenos Aires, from 4 to 15 November 1996, at the gracious invitation of the Government of Argentina,

Deeply appreciative of the special courtesy and warm hospitality extended by the Government and people of Argentina, to the Ministers, members of delegations, observers and members of the Secretariat attending the meeting,

Expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of the Argentine Republic and its people for the cordial welcome which they accorded to the Conference of the Parties and to those associated with its work and for their contribution to the success of the third meeting of the Conference of the

Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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