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During 1993 and 1994 several Parties expressed an interest in hosting the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the Secretariat is thankful to them all for that. Three of them have deposited a formal candidature.

The Secretariat is pleased to inform the distinguished delegates that it has received an official offer from the Government of Nigeria to host the tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties during the last two weeks of March 1997 in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory.

The Secretariat is also pleased to inform the distinguished delegates that it has received an official offer from the Government of Zimbabwe and one from the Government of Israel to host the tenth regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

The Secretariat warmly thanks the Governments of Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Israel for these offers.

The Secretariat presents the proposals of Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Israel for discussion, in accordance with Article XI, paragraph 4, of the Convention.