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**Draft report of the Conference of the Parties  
on its first extraordinary session**

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**A. Opening of the session**

1. The first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa was opened by Mr. José Luis Herránz Sáez (Spain), who made a statement.
2. The Executive Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Luc Gnacadja, made a statement.

**B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work**

(Agenda item 1)

3. The Conference had before it the provisional agenda and annotations of the first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties as contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1.
4. The Conference of the Parties adopted its agenda and organization of work for the first extraordinary session.

**C. Credentials of delegations**

(Agenda item 2)

*[to be completed]*

**D. Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers**

(Agenda item 3)

5. The Conference had before it the note by the secretariat on the accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers, contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4, annex I, which listed non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the first extraordinary session of the Conference of the Parties.
6. The Conference agreed to accredit as observers the non-governmental organizations listed in annex I of document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4.
7. The Conference further agreed to accredit the inter-governmental organization, Central American Integration System, as observer to the first extraordinary session.

**E. Programme and budget – consideration of the increase in the Convention’s budget for the biennium 2008-2009**

(Agenda item 4)

8. The Conference of the Parties had before it a note by the secretariat entitled “Programme and budget – consideration of the increase in the Convention’s budget for the biennium 2008-2009” contained in document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2.

9. The Conference at the first meeting of its first extraordinary session, established an open-ended contact group facilitated by Mr. Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria), to resolve outstanding issue on the budget of the Convention for the biennium 2008-2009.

10. The Conference adopted the draft decision contained in the annex to document ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2, as orally amended.

**F. Attendance**

*[to be completed]*

**F. Documentation**

11. The Conference had before it the following documents at its first extraordinary session:

ICCD/COP(ES-1)/1	Provisional agenda and annotations.
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/2	Programme and budget - Consideration of the increase in the Convention’s budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/3	Credentials of delegations. Report of the Bureau to the Conference of the Parties. <i>(to be completed)</i>
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/4	Accreditation of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, admission of observers. Note by the secretariat.
ICCD/COP(ES-1)/INF.1	Information for participants.
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ICCD/COP(ES-1)/MISC.1	Provisional list of participants. <i>(to be completed)</i>

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