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INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY
IN AFRICA

Eighth session
5-16 February 1996
Agenda item 7

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS EIGHTH SESSION

Draft report

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I. INTRODUCTION

Opening and duration of the session

1. The eighth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, was held in Geneva from 5 to 16 February 1996. The session was convened in accordance with paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 50/112 of 20 December 1995 entitled "Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa". At its eighth session, the Committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Officers of the Committee

2. At its sixth session, the Committee, in accordance with paragraph 3 (a) of its resolution 6/1, decided that Working Group I would have an additional Vice-Chairman. Accordingly, at the 5th meeting, on 7 February, the Committee elected Mr. Franklin C. Moore (United States of America) as Vice-Chairman of Working Group I by acclamation.

3. The Bureau of the Committee, as elected at its sixth and eighth sessions, is as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Bo Kjellén (Sweden)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. René Valéry Mongbe (Benin)
Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan (India)
Mr. José Urrutia (Peru)
Rapporteur: Mr. Nikita F. Glazovsky (Russian Federation)

Working Group I

Chairman: Mr. Mourad Ahmia (Algeria)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Mohammad Reza H. K. Jabbary (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Erwin Ortiz-Gandarillas (Bolivia)
Mr. Franklin C. Moore (United States of America)

Working Group II

Chairman: Mr. Takao Shibata (Japan)
Vice-Chairmen: Mr. David Etuket (Uganda)
Mr. Anatoli M. Ovchinnikov (Uzbekistan)

B. Adoption of the agenda

4. At its 1st meeting, on 5 February, the Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
2. Preparation for the Conference of the Parties
3. Special action:
 - (a) urgent action for Africa
 - (b) action taken in other regions
4. Status of signature and ratification of the Convention
5. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
6. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the ninth session
7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its eighth session.

C. Attendance

5. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

(To be included.)

6. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

(To be included.)

7. The following specialized agencies were represented:

(To be included.)

8. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

(To be included.)

D. Documentation

10. The documents before the Committee at its eighth session are listed in annex ___ to the present report (to be included).

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

11. At its 1st meeting, on 5 February, the Committee, bearing in mind paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 47/188 of 22 December 1992 and rule 49 of the rules of procedure of the Committee (A/AC.241/3), decided to approve the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/AC.241/9/Add.11 (see annex ___, decision 8/1 (to be included)).