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PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Programme and budget

Draft decision submitted by Mr. Erwin Ortíz-Gandarillos (Bolivia)

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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, having considered the question of programme and budget at its eighth session, requests the interim secretariat to submit for consideration at the last session of the Committee prior to the first session of the Conference of the Parties a draft programme of work of the Conference of the Parties and the budget estimates of the Convention for the first financial period following the first session of the Conference of the Parties, using as a basis document A/AC.241/46 and taking ino account the views on this question expressed by delegations at the eighth session of the Committee, as well as consideration by the Committee of financial rules and of the designation of a permanent secretariat and arrangements for its functioning.