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FOR THE ELABORATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN
THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS
DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION,
PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA
Ninth session
New York, 3-13 September 1996
Agenda item 2

PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Venue of the first session of the Conference of the Parties

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,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 40/243,

<u>Noting</u> with appreciation and satisfaction the invitation of the Government of Italy to host the first session of the Conference of the Parties in Rome, Italy,

Noting also the offer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations of services and facilities for the first session of the Conference of the Parties,

- 1. $\underline{\text{Decides}}$ to accept the invitation of the Government of Italy and the offer of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;
- 2. $\underline{\text{Decides}}$ also that the venue of the first session of the Conference of the Parties shall be Rome, Italy, dates for which will be determined at a later stage.
