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#### The United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)

## United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification

### Revised draft decision submitted by Algeria

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* United Nations General Assembly resolution 62/195 of 19 December 2007, declaring the decade 2010–2020 as the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification,

*Recalling* decision 30/COP.9 adopted on 2 October 2009 by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth session,

*Recalling* United Nations General Assembly resolution 64/201 of 21 December 2009 concerning the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification,

*Recognizing* the importance of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification and the opportunity it offers to all countries and, in particular, to countries with deserts and those affected by desertification, land degradation and drought,

*Deeply concerned* about the exacerbation of desertification in all regions of the world, particularly in Africa, and about its grave implications for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, specifically those relating to the eradication of poverty and environmental sustainability,

*Responding* to the appeal of the United Nations General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session (resolution 64/201), inviting States parties to the Convention, observers and other relevant stakeholders to organize activities aimed at implementing the Decade,

*Wishing* to highlight and to promote the positive impact of this important initiative pertaining to deserts and the fight against desertification,

*Taking note* of document ICCD/COP(10)/27 entitled “Report on activities supporting the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020)”,

*Welcoming* the work undertaken by the Inter-Agency Task Force of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to collate a list of events, actions and activities and from these to develop a programme in support of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (UNDDD programme);
2. *Requests* the secretariat to extend its partnership network to include representatives of civil society, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations;
3. *Invites* States, Parties, observers and intergovernmental organizations to submit to the secretariat proposals and contributions in the form of actions, activities and events to mark the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, by 31 December 2011 at the latest, for the compilation of the draft UNDDD programme by the secretariat by 30 January 2012 and its finalization and dissemination with the support of the Inter-Agency Task Force by March 2012;
4. *Invites* donor countries, the World Bank, the Global Environment Facility, multilateral funds and arrangements, and partners of the Convention to provide financial and technical support for the elaboration and implementation of the UNDDD programme;
5. *Invites* developed countries, international financial institutions and multilateral funds to make available, as appropriate, voluntary contributions for the implementation of the UNDDD programme;
6. *Encourages* civil society, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to suggest and undertake appropriate activities and actions conducive to effective implementation at all levels of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification;
7. *Requests* the secretariat to report to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh session on voluntary actions and activities carried out by stakeholders to mark the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification.