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## **I. Opening of the session**

### **A. Welcoming ceremony**

1. On 10 October 2011, the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties was opened by the President of its ninth session, H.E. Mr. Jose Ramon Cueva (Argentina).

### **B. Opening of the session**

2. Also on 10 October 2011, pursuant to article 22 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the President of the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties made a statement.

### **C. Election of the President**

#### **(Agenda item 1)**

3. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the Conference of the Parties elected by acclamation, H.E. Don Koo Lee of the Republic of Korea, as President of its tenth session. The incoming President made a statement.

### **D. Opening and general statements**

4. Also at the first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD secretariat made a statement.
5. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Poland (on behalf of the European Union and its Member States), Algeria (on behalf of the African States), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asia and Pacific States), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean States) and Ukraine (on behalf of the Eastern European States).
6. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development.
7. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of non-governmental organizations.

## **II. Organizational matters**

### **A. Adoption of the agenda**

#### **(Agenda item 2)**

8. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, statements were made by the representatives Argentina, Jamaica and Algeria.
9. At same meeting, following the clarification provided by the Executive Secretary of the UNCCD secretariat, the Conference of the Parties adopted its agenda for its tenth session, as orally revised.

10. At same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), the Conference of the Parties adopted its organization of work for its tenth session.

## **B. Election of other officers**

### **(Agenda item 3 (b))**

11. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the Conference elected the following as Vice-Presidents of its tenth session: Mr. Khalifa Abdel Kader of Algeria and Mr. Bongani Masuku of Swaziland (on behalf of the African States); Mr. B. M. S. Rathore of India (on behalf of the Asia and Pacific States); Mr. Ogtay Jafarov of Azerbaijan and Mr. Peter Molnar of Hungary (on behalf of the Eastern European States); Mr. Pedro Garcia Brito of the Dominican Republic and Ms. Sonia Gonzales Molina of Peru (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States); and Mr. Franz Breitwieser of Austria (on behalf of the Western European and Other States).

12. At its second meeting, on 14 October 2011, the Conference elected Mr. Yve Guinand of Switzerland (on behalf of the Western European and other States), for the remaining post of Vice-President, and appointed Mr. Peter Molnar of Hungary, as Rapporteur, of its tenth session.

### **(Agenda item 3 (c))**

13. At the same meeting, the Conference elected Mr. Antonio Rocha Magalhães of Brazil as Chairperson of the tenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology.

### **(Agenda item 3 (d))**

14. At the same meeting, the Conference was reminded that Mr. Chencho Norbu of Bhutan was elected as Chairperson of the ninth and tenth sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

15. At the \_\_ meeting, on \_\_ October 2011, the Conference elected \_\_ of \_\_ as Chairperson of the forthcoming eleventh and twelfth sessions of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention.

## **C. Committee on Science and Technology**

16. The tenth session of the Committee on Science and Technology was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. Antonio Rocha Malgahaes (Brazil). The Committee held six meetings, from 11 to 13 October 2011.

17. At its first meeting, on 11 October 2011, the Committee elected by acclamation, the following as Vice-Chairpersons of its tenth session: Mr. Jean Ndembo Longo (Democratic Republic of the Congo), Mr. Nicholas Hanley (European Union), Mr. Amjad Virk (Pakistan) and Mr. Yury Kolmaz (Ukraine).

18. At its third meeting, on 12 October 2011, the Committee appointed the Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Nicholas Hanley (European Union), as Rapporteur of the tenth session.

19. The Committee submitted nine recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. The Conference took action on these recommendations at its third meeting, on 14 October 2011.

## **D. Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention**

20. The tenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention was convened under the chairmanship of Mr. Chencho Norbu (Bhutan). The Committee held \_\_\_\_ meetings, from 11 to \_\_ October 2011.

21. The Committee submitted \_\_\_\_ recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. The Conference took action on these recommendations at its \_\_\_\_ meeting, on \_\_\_\_ October 2011.

## **E. Committee of the Whole**

22. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the Conference decided to establish a Committee of the Whole and also decided to allocate to the Committee the agenda items detailed in paragraph 11 of the agenda, as well as the consideration of agenda item 3 (a) and corresponding document ICCD/COP(10)/24, and the transfer of the consideration of document ICCD/COP(10)/29 from agenda item 5 to agenda item 6 (e).

23. Also at the same meeting, the Conference further designated Mr. Philbert Brown of Jamaica as Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole.

24. The Committee submitted \_\_\_\_ recommendations to the Conference of the Parties. The Conference took action on these recommendations at its \_\_\_\_ meeting, on \_\_\_\_ October 2011.

## **F. Ad Hoc Group of Experts**

[to be completed]

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

25. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the Conference decided to accredit as observers, the organizations listed in annex I of document ICCD/COP(10)/28 and annexes I and II of its addendum.

## **H. Attendance**

26. The tenth session of the COP was attended by representatives of the following \_\_\_\_ Parties to the UNCCD:

[To be inserted]

27. The session was also attended by observers from the following \_\_\_\_ States not Parties to the Convention:

[To be inserted]

28. Observers from \_\_\_\_\_ also attended the session.

29. The following United Nations organs, organizations and programmes, offices and specialized agencies were represented:

[To be inserted]

**I. Documentation**

30. The documents submitted for the consideration of the COP at its tenth session are listed in annex --. [To be completed]

**III. Special segment: interactive dialogue session**

[To be completed]

**IV. Inclusion of activities of non-governmental organizations within the official programme of work of the Conference of the Parties: open dialogue session**

[To be completed]

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